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## DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

TODAY.

(January 27.)

Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong University Graduates Association, 5 p.m.  
Whist Drive at Seamen's Institute, 9 p.m.  
Sir William Hornell "At Home" to Graduates and Past Students of the University in the Great Hall, 4 p.m.  
Annual Speech Day at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 3 p.m.  
Speech Day at Belknap Girls' School, 11 a.m.  
Hockey, Sim Shield Competition, Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Royal Navy (Navy ground): R.A.S.C. v. St. Andrew's Young Men's Club.  
Hunting: Faaling Hounds Meet (Hunters Arms) 3.15 p.m.  
Chinese Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting.  
Central Theatre: "Beyond Victory."  
King's Theatre: "Bad Girl."  
Queen's Theatre: "A Free Soul."  
World Theatre: "Too Late" (Chinese film).  
Star Theatre: "Duke Steps Out."  
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Republic Bay Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and King's Restaurant.  
European Mail—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Tatara Maru) 8.30 a.m.

THURSDAY.

(January 26.)

Birthday of Celestial Dragon, (T'ien Lung-tai).  
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.  
Prize-giving at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, 11 a.m.  
King's Theatre: "Bad Girl."  
Queen's Theatre: "The Lady Refuses."  
Central Theatre: "Beyond Victory."  
Star Theatre: "Splinters."  
World Theatre: "Two Stars."  
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and King's Restaurant.  
European Mail—Inward: Europe via Suez (Naldora).

FRIDAY.

(January 25.)

Annual Prize-giving ceremony at Queen's College, in the Great Hall, 3 p.m.  
Hockey: Radio Sports Club v. Central British Association.  
Queen's Theatre: "The Lady Refuses."  
King's Theatre: "Only Saps Work."  
Central Theatre: "Beyond Victory."  
World Theatre: "Two Stars."  
Star Theatre: "Splinters."  
Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant.

E. A. BAUGHAN says:

## I Believe In Flesh and Blood Drama

Which has the most power: film or play?  
To men of middle age that is a very difficult question to answer because when they were young there were no films, or none worth speaking of, and plays gave them their first impression of dramatic entertainment.

Those first impressions are stamped on the imagination so deeply that nothing can efface them. They are a mould that never quite wears out.  
I well remember, for instance, the first time I saw Hamlet. The actor, one of the Traverses, was very fat and no doubt his rhetorical methods would not be tolerated now. But his Hamlet haunted me for years, although it did not accord with the picture my imagination had painted from reading the play. In fact, having studied it for a school examination, I knew "Hamlet" nearly by heart.

NO MORE DRY AS DUST.

Perhaps the dry-as-dust method of studying Shakespeare by learning all kinds of irrelevant, historical and etymological notes made the human play come as a great surprise. At any rate, that fat Hamlet, whose weight made his shoes (trousers as he passed the stage) was Hamlet for many years in my imagination.  
Remembering that impression, many others later in life, I am doubtful about my own answer to the question at the beginning of this article. Brought up on plays, and knowing hardly anything of films except during the last 10 years, it is difficult for me to appreciate how plays appeal to those who have known films only.

THOUSANDS HAVE NEVER SEEN A PLAY!

Yet there must be hundreds of young men and women who have seldom or never seen a play.  
Of the thousands who nightly fill our cinemas there must be a very small proportion who have seen any stage plays except pantomimes, revues and musical comedies.

It must be so, because the legitimate theatres could not possibly hold them all.  
Would they be more impressed by a flesh-and-blood play than by the films which are so much part of their lives? In the old days, when pictures were silent, they would be worried, no doubt, by their first acquaintance with a form of entertainment which insisted on listening to spoken dialogue. It has taken the old film public a long while to grow accustomed to speech. I doubt if many of them are really quite happy even now.

Film producers recognise that weakness by cutting down the dialogue almost to vanishing point and making the action as varied and as rapid as possible.

Personally—but here again it may be due to my theatrical education—I do not believe a drama can be as impressive on the screen as on the stage.

There are a few exceptions, perhaps. George Arliss is one of them. Also now and then you see a little on the screen whose performance would be made less and not more vivid by speech. Emil Jannings and Charles Chaplin are instances; the one in tragedy and the other in fantastic farce.

WHAT THE FILM CANNOT YET DO.

Films have not become the force they are by vividness of emotional appeal. They cannot, from mere technical reasons, present a big scene with sustained effect. In essence films still remain a series of photographs of characters in separate phases of action. This is hidden by a skill in photographing at different angles and in the cutting and matching of the film as originally "shot." The limit of the field of focus becomes a dramatic limit.

Scarcely in the future (the invention is already perfected) characters may be projected in three dimensions without being thrown on the screen. That will be an art in closer competition with the stage.

As a compensation for its dramatic weakness the film has the advantages of magnification to the eye and the ear. This makes it a better entertainment than the stage can be for those who can only afford seats far from it. As to the relative influence of screen and stage there can be no question that films appeal to a larger public mainly because of the cheapness with which they can be shown. To see several films each week has become a habit, and their cumulative effect can hardly be exaggerated.

But if stage plays could be produced and run at cinema prices I am sure flesh-and-blood drama would triumph.

Films would then have to deal with material which cannot be presented as a stage play.

HOLLYWOOD IS WORRIED.

There is even now a return to the old silent film of action with dialogue taking the place of the old-fashioned subtitles. As a direct competitor with drama the film has been a comparative failure, and that is worrying the mind of Hollywood.

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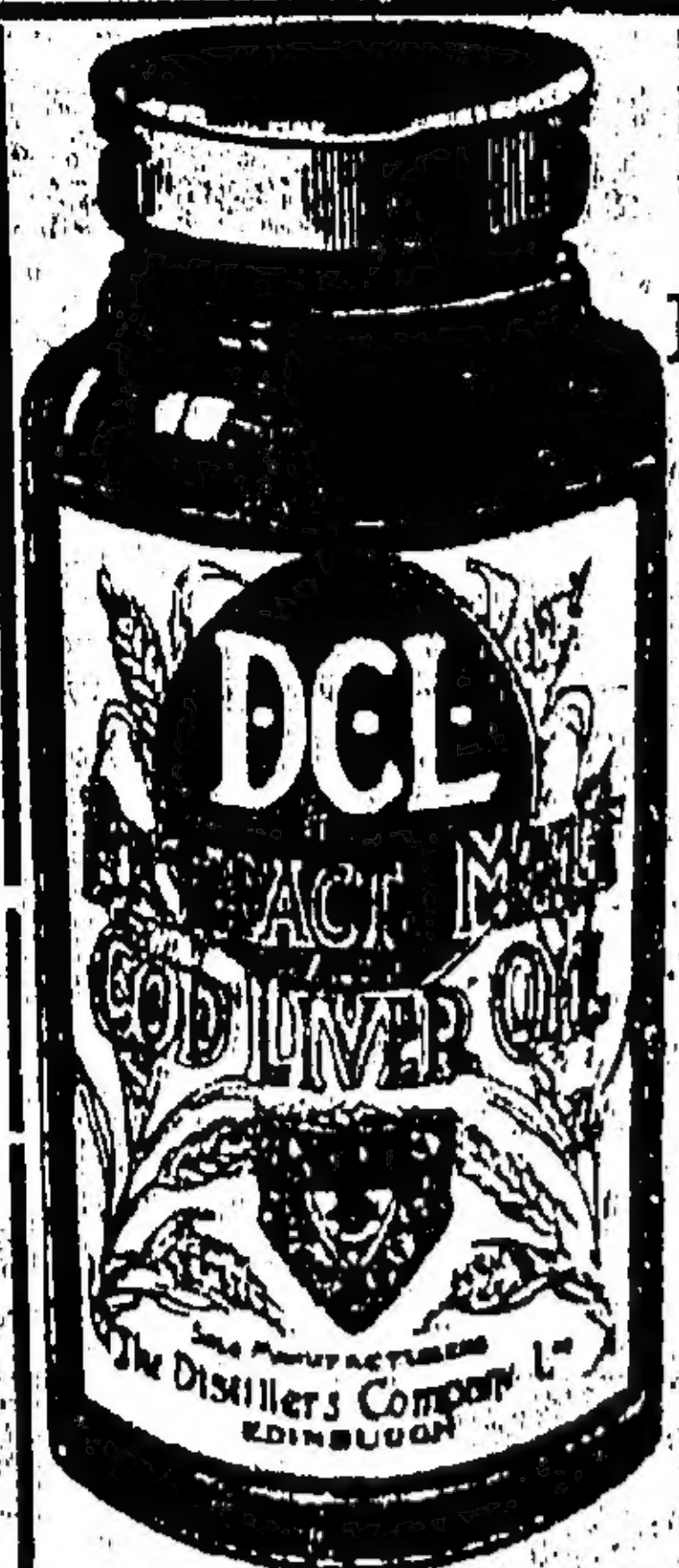
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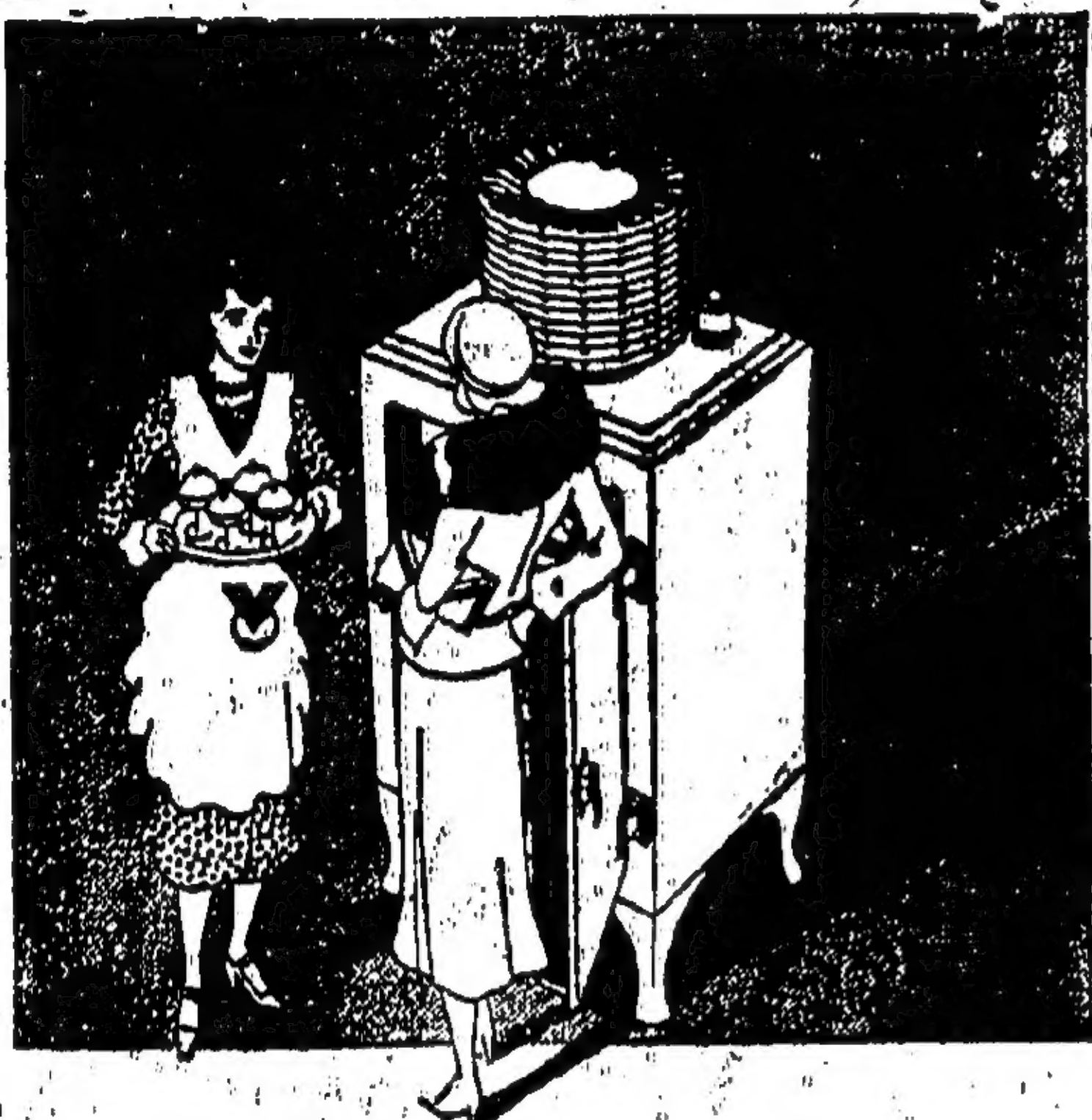
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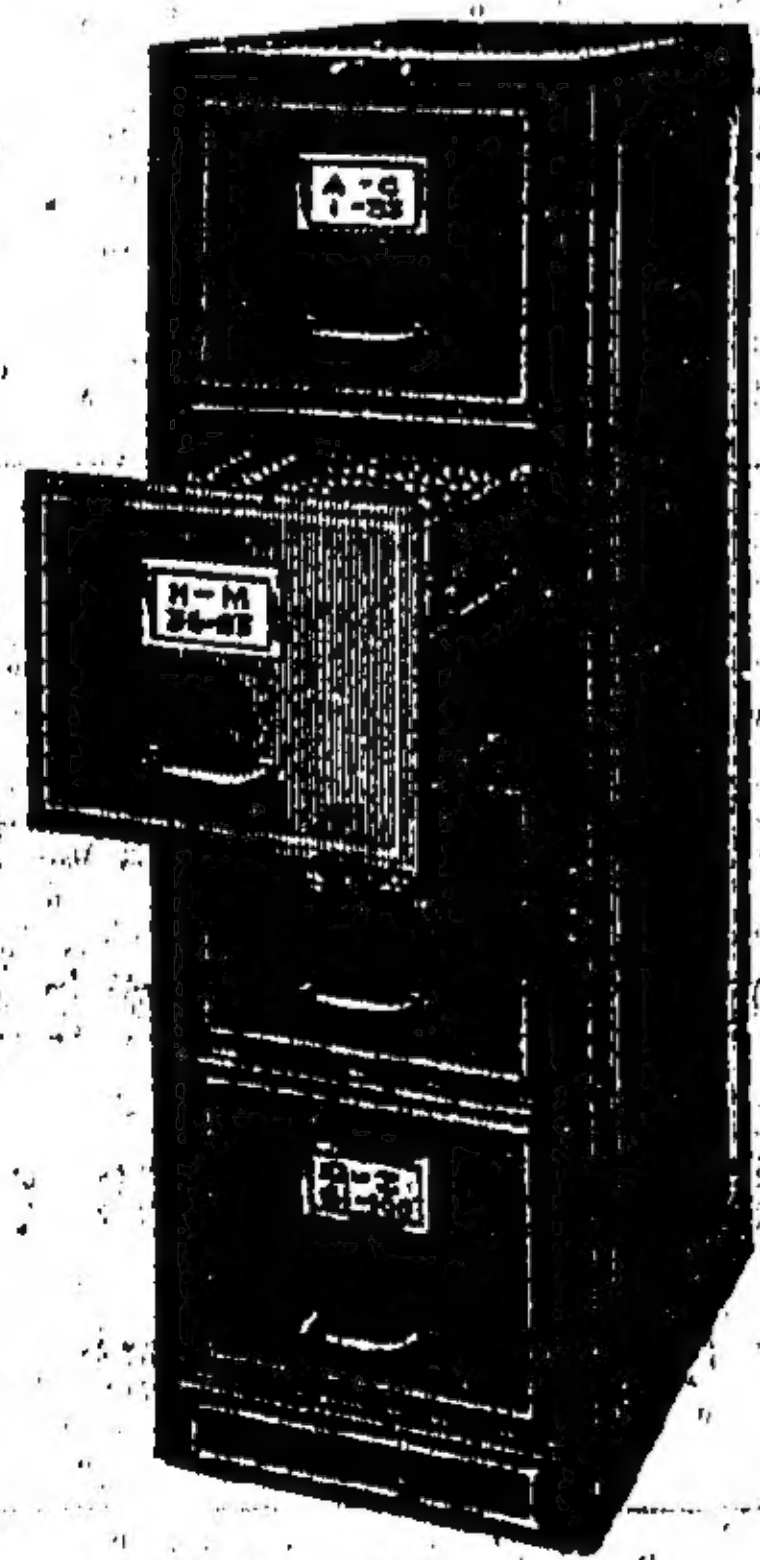
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## AIRWAYS AND AVIATION.

### THE AIR WAR OF THE FUTURE

#### PROSPECT OF THE BIG, FAST BOMBER IF FULLY DEVELOPED.

#### REVISION OF ARMAMENT OF FIGHTING PLANES NECESSARY.

The school of thought which argues that the war of the future will be a war in the air, forcing swift decisions by swifter strokes, assumes a continuance of the advantage which hitherto the offensive has most certainly held and a development of the material which might be placed in its hand. Aeroplanes will be off to deliver their first blow almost as quickly as the declaration of war is received. They will be armed with the most destructive projectiles, with chemical weapons which may immobilize a great city or an army in the field, with speed to take them quickly to their goal, and with appliances to make them sure of finding their mark. They may suffer losses. They may have to adjust their methods to the conditions of the defence, but they will get through, and will undoubtedly do most of the work they are sent to do.

If the bomber, with all the advantage of initiative which it has held in the past, maintained its superiority, it would no doubt then do great destruction, or cause the disorganization and confusion which its supporters argue, and whether it could escape the defences or meet them with shot for shot, are questions which cannot at the moment be safely answered. Certain developments suggest that the advantage of the offensive is likely to be lessened; that air defences are steadily improving and at a greater rate than the bomber, as an offensive weapon, is being improved. Air fighting promises to become much more complicated, and if the bomber is to fulfil its proper function it must go far beyond anything in prospect at the moment. It must realize better performance. It must be equipped for more accurate bombing. Its load must be bigger. Its armament must be more effective.

#### THE AEROPLANE IN WAR.

Any one of these lines of development can be followed with some success, as may be seen from the efficiency of the Hart as a day bomber. The achievement of all the objects would be a matter of some difficulty and expense, and would be justified only if a country accepted the view that the function of the air force in the next war will be less that of supporting a land or sea force than that of carrying out the main offensive and lifting operations off the ground into the air. The Great Powers at present do not accept that view. They believe that troops and ships will carry out the main operations aided by aeroplanes, which will scout for them, carry out attacks on points of strategic importance, and defend them from enemy air attacks. As long as that view obtains the bomber will not be developed as it might be, and the forces preparing against it will continue to diminish its original advantage.

The invention of the new searchlight, described elsewhere in this issue, is a sign of the advance which is being made in air defences. The fast bomber of to-day can generally evade the ordinary searchlight until it must needs come down to lower altitudes to make sure of its target. The new searchlight, worked in conjunction with sound locators, may spread a net across it immediately which will not only entangle it but reveal all that the gunners on the ground need to know for accurate fire. The grid of light turned directly on the aeroplane in which the bomber is flying will supply to the batteries the height, direction, and speed of the bomber, and shells will soon be bursting near it. This new threat means a higher ceiling and cruising at a higher altitude, qualities which in these days of supercharging mean

little from the mechanical point of view but much from the point of view of accurate bombing. Nor do the troubles of the bomber end there. The modern fighter has a performance which may make the bomber, as it has been known in the past, much less effective.

In this country the enormous advance of the fighter is countered to some extent by an almost equally important advance in speed on the part of the bomber which uses the same engine. If the Fury has raised the speed of the fighter by 30 or 40 miles an hour, the Hart has increased the speed of the day bomber by an equal margin. But in other countries, considering only machines which are already in use, the speed of the fighter since the War has increased much more rapidly than that of the bomber. Meanwhile anti-aircraft guns have been greatly improved in range, rate of fire, and accuracy. All these facts point again to the importance of a high service ceiling, and to the need to be able to climb quickly. These requirements in turn tend to impose limitations on load, and to render more difficult the essential work of the bomber, which is to find its mark.

#### QUESTION OF LOAD.

If the arguments of a main air offensive were admitted the question of load would assume the utmost importance. In that case aircraft would have to undertake more than the ordinary bombing such as was known in the War and has been contemplated since the War. Upon it would devolve the duty which has hitherto rested on the heavies. Important works would have to be destroyed from the air, and against the biggest and most solid of them even the 500lb. bomb would be comparatively ineffective. Aircraft entrusted with such a task would have to be able to carry enormous loads of bombs and to make quite sure of their target. The targets themselves might not be of such large proportions as to allow of wide error in marksmanship. A battleship, for instance, will survive anything but the heaviest bombing provided it is armour-plated and its vital spots are reasonably protected. Those who have examined the question of using aircraft in place of heavy artillery declare that bombs of 1,000lb., and preferably of 2,000lb., would have to be used.

Nowhere in the world is there a bomber which could combine load-carrying on this scale with speed or high altitude cruising. The biggest bomber in existence, the Caproni 90B which can carry a load of 17,000lb., has a speed of only 12 miles an hour and a ceiling of 15,000ft. Such a machine would have little chance of evading the fighters or the searchlights or anti-aircraft fire, and even if it could climb higher and fly faster there would be no reason to suppose that it would be more effective in its aim than a lesser craft. It is a common failing of bombers the world over, that the process of fighting and releasing bombs has not yet been made an exact science. Sights are being developed and apparatus for diminishing the delay between the pulling of the lever and the actual fall of the bomb is being tried. But there has still to arrive the aerial torpedo which will drive the missile surely and at great speed towards its mark.

#### BIGGER AIRCRAFT.

For such duty the big aeroplane with high speed must ultimately be produced. It will be expensive, but there is ample proof that the thing can be done. The Sidestrand is an example of the bigger day bomber. It has a top speed of at least 140

miles an hour and a ceiling of 24,000ft., but its military load is only 2,180 lb. Better still is being done with the new heavy bombers now awaiting test in England. Whereas the Sidestrand has two engines, these mostly have four, and both load and speed will be greater. Great Britain is moving step by step towards the really big military machine, which, if necessary, may be accepted as the prototype of those aircraft that will some day assume responsibility for the main offensive. These bigger craft will obviously be a stiffer proposition for the fighters. They will have speed and a high ceiling. They will be more difficult than smaller craft to disable, and they will be well able to defend themselves.

Their development will set the fighter new problems, such as have already begun to show themselves in relation to the fast day bomber, of the moment. With existing armament high speed in bombers may mean a very long chase. There is a difference of little more than 50 miles an hour between the speed of the best British bomber and the speed of the best British fighter, so that a five miles' start would mean nearly 10 minutes' pursuit before the fighter with its machine-guns could get within range, and even then there would have to be good shooting to be sure of holding up a raid which had got so close to its mark. In the last Air Exercise there were examples of this difficulty. Furies pursuing Harts never came up with them until London had been reached. The suggestion that the Harts should not have been allowed to get so big a start deserved examination, but the other suggestion that a different armament would have given a very different aspect to the engagement took account of more possibilities than the mere difficulties of pursuit.

#### FIGHTER'S ARMAMENT.

A machine armed with a gun of comparatively short range and small calibre operating against one of the big bombers which may be expected in the future will again be at a disadvantage. It will have to stand well away from its quarry because of the latter's own defensive armament, and it will need different weapons. Much thought has been given to the difficult subject of arming the fighter more heavily. The idea of a special type of fighter which may fire small shells has been mooted, and some research work along that line has been undertaken, but the subject is not easy. Speed must not be sacrificed. Stability must be secured. Yet there must be a high muzzle velocity in the projectile, so that a long, flat trajectory may be obtained. Otherwise the awkward point of allowing guns in aircraft to be moved in a vertical plane must be tackled. Without some such arrangement the marksmanship which has to depend on the elevation of the nose of the machine to secure a proper line of fire would be as much a matter of chance as the anti-aircraft fire in the early days of the War.

It is not only for weapons of heavy calibre that mechanism for elevation or depression is advocated. In the two-seater fighter with the rear gun mounted above the cockpit such vertical movement may be easily achieved, but the fastest fighter is the single-seater, and no means have yet been devised to allow the fighter pilot to get his target over his sights except by manoeuvring the machine. There is always a blind spot on every bomber, and no doubt the fighter, by skilful piloting and by the acceptance of big risks, will continue to find it, but it is obviously true that his task would be lightened if he could swing his guns up or down. At the moment he has a better chance against the bomber than he ever had. Within a year, or two, he may have a still better, for the engine which is now serving him well is likely soon to be able to offer still higher service at the heights at which he has to work.

This turn of the tide will probably not be permanent. The onward march of the bomber is retarded by insistence on the subsidiary nature of the air arm. Slowly the bomber, which can undertake heavy tasks with as much assurance as the bomber which now carries nothing heavier than 112lb. bombs will emerge and will establish its right to be entrusted with major duties, and unless fighters fit to meet such an emergency have been planned and brought to a reasonable state of preparedness the prophetic vision which expects the next war to be carried into the hearts of the opposing nations may be fulfilled.

### ONE CAUSE OF R.A.F. ACCIDENTS.

#### NEED FOR SPECIALISATION IN MACHINE TYPES.

Seventy-one members of the Royal Air Force were killed last year as a result of 41 aircraft accidents. In 1930 64 were killed as a result of 48 accidents, and the year before 78 were killed as a result of 30 accidents. In 1930, the worst year since the Air Force adopted peacetime establishment, 85 were killed in 54 machine accidents. It was hoped that the introduction of slots on all Royal Air Force aircraft, and the use of parachutes, would reduce the number of deaths despite the steady increase in the number of machines in the Service. But this hope has not been realised this year.

#### Demands on Pilots.

One of the causes of accidents is the Air Ministry's system of expecting every pilot to fly any type of aircraft, marine or landplane. The accident, which caused the largest number of deaths at one time this year occurred when a pilot who had had little experience on that type of machine was flying it.

Reduction in the number of accidents would take place if a certain degree of specialisation in machine types were permitted. A division should be drawn between aircraft such as flying boats, which demand a knowledge of seamanship, and small single-seater fighters, which call for their own special, highly developed flying technique.

#### Unnecessary Risks.

The present haphazard system of posting without reference to the experience of the pilot introduces unnecessary flying risks. Increases in the speed of Service aircraft have been accompanied by improvements in the control and the fitting of slots, and the accidents rate ought to fall more quickly than it is doing at present.

On behalf of the Air Ministry, it has been stated that the accidents rate is falling per thousand flying hours; but the Air Ministry has consistently refused to reveal the number of flying hours.

gun work to ascertain the causes of the disaster. The exact point of the collapse is the "Old Wing" raised by Sixtus V. in 1585 to house the library of Sixtus IV. It cut across the large Belvedere courtyard, dividing it from the library quadrangle. The master walls of this wing were built at different levels—33 feet difference—and between these two walls was erected a series of huge columns which served to support three floors.

The top floor was the reference library; below it the Sistine Salone (one of the most magnificent halls of the world, and one of the sights of tourist Rome); below that again was a store hall for fragments of sculpture.

Books were also lost from the Sistine Salone, but these were of secondary importance, all valuable works having fortunately been removed some weeks ago; but it is in this hall that the frescoes have suffered.

#### Columns Collapse.

Two of the above-mentioned central columns and the three arches collapsed from top to bottom. For some time their stability had been threatened, and at the moment of collapse workmen, including four of the victims, were reinforcing their bases. The columns telescoped in hundreds of tons, masonry.

An eye-witness in the reference library saw the floor opening and the great columns rocking. He thought it was an earthquake—indeed that was the first general impression—and he fled from the building, crying, "Earthquake, earthquake, fly for your lives!"—saving several by his alarm.

The library locks to-day as if a high explosive shell had burst in the building, tearing a great central hole and blowing up the roof. A special service of armed pontifical pendarmes are on patrol to prevent any attempt on the part of intruders to pilage books or relics of art. The Pro-Prefect and the learned Prefect of the Library, moved about in "sears" among the ruins, and the Pope is "much affected."

From England, the Master of the Rolls and the Deputy Keeper of Records have sent their condolences and deep sympathy to the Cardinal Secretary of State.

### SIX DEAD AT VATICAN.

#### DEBRIS BURIES 15,000 REFERENCE BOOKS.

#### LOSS OF LIBRARY CATALOGUES.

All Research Work Paralyzed. The following detailed account of the tragedy at the Vatican Library, called news of which appeared in the Daily Press, is given in the London Daily Telegraph.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Apart from human life—six known victims—the greatest loss suffered by the Vatican Library collapse is the practically complete disappearance of the Library catalogues.

This, together with the fact that the 15,000 buried volumes are all reference books covering an enormous range of subjects, means that research students in the Library will find their work paralyzed. A section of the books on England is buried. The volumes on Scotland and Ireland are untouched.

The 15,000 buried books constituted the nerve centre of the 500,000 printed works of the total Vatican collection, and the disintegration of the catalogue represents the destruction of one of the greatest and most scientific pieces of librarian ship ever carried out, perhaps, in the world's history of bibliography.

The work was begun by the present Pope when he was Vatican Librarian in 1911, and has since been carried on under his inspiration and special care. Many of the million cards of the new index—the first written by the Pope himself—are scattered and the ancient catalogues which were being gradually collected are lost. This cataloguing was being partially financed by the Carnegie Foundation.

It will be many years—probably generations—before the famous library recovers from this blow.

#### Saved Treasures.

Happily, the losses of irreplaceable incunabula, manuscripts and codices are practically nil. By great good fortune several show cases, containing such precious things as a Fourth Century Greek Testament Codex, the famous "Fourth Century Texts of Virgil," autographs of Henry VIII., the copy of the "Divine Comedy," with autograph dedication of Boccaccio to Petrarch, were cleared of their contents ten days ago for rearrangement. The empty cases lie broken to pieces.

Twelfth Century Codices on the history of the martyrdom of Saint Sofia were missing, but have been partially recovered.

An official Vatican report in announcing that "the missing works include a small section of the books on England and practically all the books on Germany" adds that "there are also missing over one-third of the reference volumes on canon law and many of the most important consultative authorities on epigraphy, hagiology, liturgy, paleography and reference books on the Popes and Cardinals and histories of the Vatican."

"The Library catalogues are almost totally lost, together with the Vatican collection of historical, philological, theological, oriental and bibliographical reviews. Among the masonry lie the fragments of photographic reproductions of codices, but some of these have been saved, thanks to their iron framed bookcases."

#### Works of Art.

Of works of art the most notable loss is the baptismal font of Eugene Napoleon, presented by the Emperor to Pius IX. It is a unique Sevres masterpiece now reduced to dust. A stela given by Francis Joseph to Pius X. has been recovered intact, but several other Royal gifts in porphyry and rare marbles are destroyed.

The investigation of material losses is only now beginning, as all efforts, by order of the Pope, until this morning centred on the search for and recovery of the victims. Five bodies, including that of the Italian research scholar Dr. Vattasso, have been as yet recovered out of the six known to be killed.

A commission of inquiry has been (Continued on previous column.)



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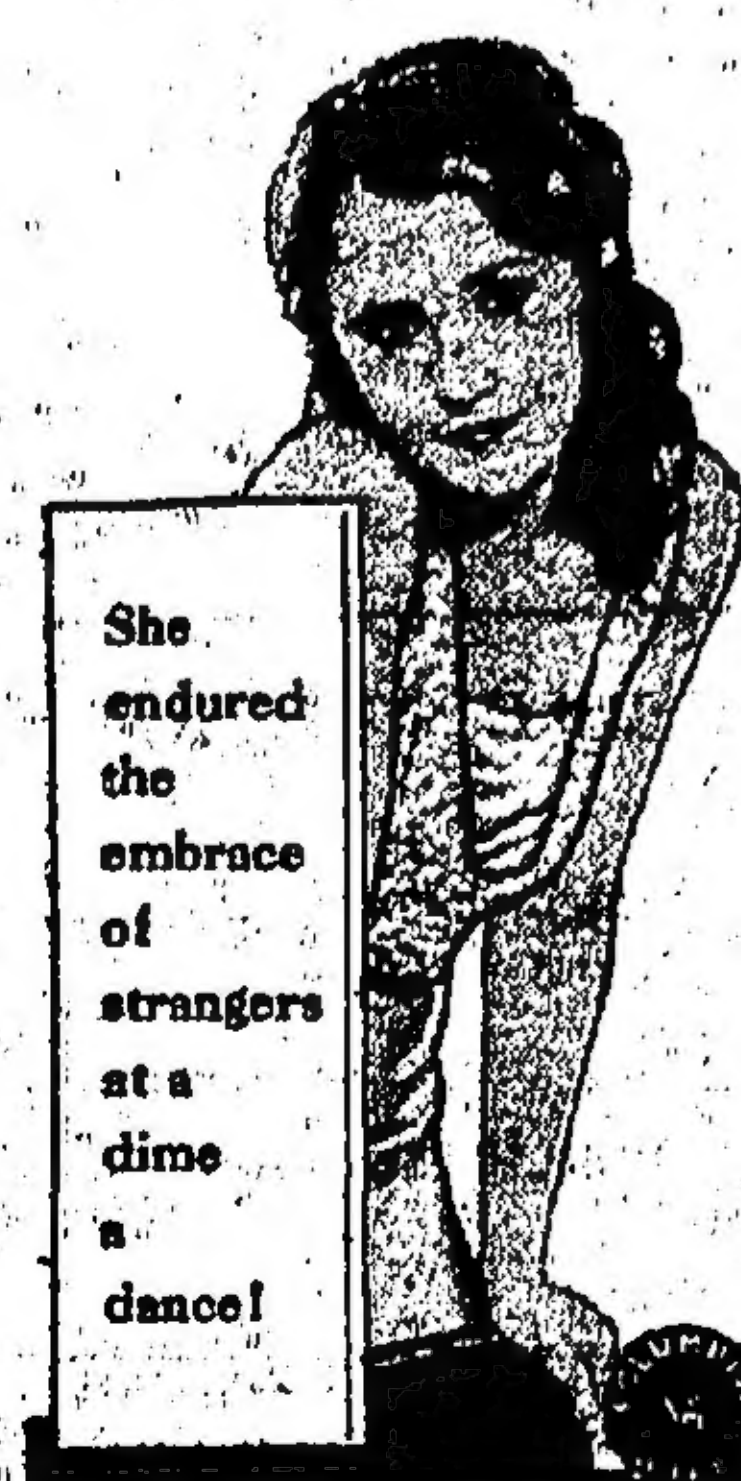
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King's  
"Bad Girl."  
British News Reel.  
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Central  
"Beyond Victory."

Queen's  
"A Free Soul."  
With Norma Shearer.

World  
"Too Late" (Chinese film).

## KOWLOON.

Star  
"The Duke Steps Out."

## COMING.

King's  
"Only Saps Work."  
Merely Mary Ann.  
"Secrets of a Secretary."  
Claudette Colbert and  
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Central  
"Shadow of the Law."  
With William Powell.  
"Only the Brave."  
Gary Cooper and Mary  
Finer.

"Charley's Aunt."  
With Charles Ruggles and  
June Collyer.

Queen's  
"The Lady Refuses."  
"Love is Like That."

World  
"Two Stars" (Chinese film).

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**MOVIE NEWS**

On the Screen in Hong Kong.

**DIRECTOR ANALYZES**  
**NORMA SHEARER.**

**REMARKABLE SENSE OF**  
**DRAMATIC VALUES.**

Clarence Brown found a new feminine star before his camera for the first time in three years when he directed Norma Shearer in "A Free Soul" her newest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. He has had Greta Garbo as star in almost every picture since "The Trail of '98."

"To direct Miss Shearer," remarks Brown, "is to get an entire new perspective of picture making. Never before have I seen an actress so able to project every shading of dramatic meaning and still never lose the poise which gives her an individual charm."

## Hard to Describe.

"To describe Miss Shearer is, in a way, rather difficult. She radiates a something which spells refinement no matter what type of role she may be playing, and as a result she can play roles that no other actress of the screen could attempt. Take this story in particular. Adela Rogers St. Johns wrote of a headstrong daughter of a famous lawyer, taught by her father a pernicious creed of 'emancipation' under which she dared things other girls would have feared to do. But never does one forget, in Miss Shearer's performance, the aristocratic background of the character. Her sense of dramatic values is remarkable. She can at a glance analyze a scene, a character, or a script, and a sort of intuition leads her at once into the most effective way of playing it. It is this intuitive dramatic sense that makes a first-rate artist—it is something that one either has or has not—it cannot be learned. Greta Garbo has the same sense of dramatic intuition, and so, I am told had Bernhardt, Duse and other great actresses of the stage."

## A Strong Cast.

A group of outstanding players support Miss Shearer in "A Free Soul." Leslie Howard is seen as a millionaire sportsman. Lionel Barrymore directs for another strong acting role as the heroine's drunken father. Clark Gable plays the gambler. James Gleason the comic bodyguard and Lucy Beaumont the aristocratic grandmother.



Sally Eilers and Minna Gombell in "Bad Girl."

**"BAD GIRL" SHOW-**  
**ING AT THE KING'S.**

**LIFE IN HARLEM—NEAR**  
**NEW YORK.**

Vina Delmar has lived the greater part of her life amid the surroundings she so faithfully presents in her first novel, "Bad Girl," which has been made into

a motion picture by Fox featuring James Dunn and Sally Eilers and is now showing at the King's Theatre.

The Harlem which Mrs. Delmar known is a different one than that of Girl Van Vechten's "Nigger Heaven." It is a white Harlem dealing with \$20.00 a week typists with men who marry on \$40.00 a week—with boys and girls who go up to the dance halls in the winter and excursions in the summer. It

is small, townish intimate, "the sort of place where you can talk to a woman for ten minutes and know the important secrets of her life" as the author says.

"Harlem is an entity that I be-

lieve can't be understood unless one has lived there for many years," she explained. "Though it is less than an hour away from the very heart of New York life, it is as provincial and self-contained as a community in the middle west. It has its own population, a population that remains with it for generations. It has its own shops—its own theatres—its own tragedies and its own developments, independent, even ignorant of the rest of the city—New York. This is the Harlem I have tried to put in my book."

Speaking of "Bad Girl" dominant theme in a recent interview, Frank Borzage, the production's director said, "Bad Girl" was fundamentally interesting, both as novel and as a stage play, because it dared to strike away from the current trend of sophistication in literature and drama and tell simply a human story dealing with every day people."

## BEYOND VICTORY.

**FINE WAR FILM AT**  
**CENTRAL.**

Real estate values did not boom in Culver City during the shooting of some of the scenes for "Beyond Victory," a Pathe picture which deals in the background, with the World War.

One of the sequences of the picture portrays the bombing of an abandoned French town. To get the proper atmosphere of an early morning attack, the company headed by Director John Robertson, was required to report for work at 3.30 a.m., while actual shooting began before four.

Expert engineers were on hand to see that the charge of dynamite was properly placed and timed so that there would be no danger either to the company or to property adjacent to the "forty acres" back of the Pathe Studio where this part of the picture was filmed.

## Out in Pyjamas.

Every detail seemed to be attended to. However, Director Robertson later admitted that he should have hired a town crier to go about warning the populace of that portion of Culver City as to the expected "attack." For with the first detonation people came running from their homes clad in their night apparel, dazed and distressed written upon their faces. It required considerable persuasion on the part of Mr. Robertson and his staff to convince the alarm citizens that they were in danger of nothing more dire than the loss of a few hours' sleep.

These terrific explosions were necessary since the scenes were not only to be filmed but the actual sound reproduced at the same time to give a degree of realism which could not be gained by any "trick" methods employed within the studio.

## Famous Players.

Bill Boyd, Lew Cody, Jimmie Gleason, Fred Scott, Russell Gleason and Theodore Von Eltz take part in the war sequences. The story of "Beyond Victory" which showing at the Central Theatre today, deals with a group of men who are separated from their command and face almost certain death in a dugout. In the tension of the moment each one talks of the thing or person in civilian life which is uppermost in his memory. Among the imposing cast of favorites appearing are Marion Shilling, Zasu Pitts, Miss Anna, E. H. Calvert, and Mary Carr.

## FAIR SEX IS STILL ENIGMA.

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And don't judge a woman's character by the clothes she wears. These points of estimate, which have been used for womanly qualities and virtues, are it is suggested, radically wrong in Radio Pictures' "The Lady Refuses," commencing to-morrow at the Queen's.

Because her clothes create the impression she is not a lady Betty is hired by an anxious father to lay a love trap for his erring son. However, appearances belie her real character and the woman emerges triumphantly out of the tangle. "The Lady Refuses" is an interesting entertaining story of a triple love and redemption directed by George Archambaud.

In the cast are Betty Compson, John Darrow, Margaret Livingston, Gilbert Emery and Daphne Fel-

**GOSSIP & FACT.**

## La Poupée Revived.

André's musical comedy, "La Poupée," which was one of the outstanding successes of the 'nineties, was revived with many signs of success at Daly's Theatre on Christmas Eve.

The music wears unexpectedly well, but the play does not stand the test of time so happily. Mr. Mark Lester as the doll maker, Hilarious, is diverting, but he looks nearly everyone else in the cast is too apt to do his bit and cross his line, not once, but many times. Perhaps they are all right in thinking that Christmas audiences like it. As his daughter Asia, Miss Jean Coffin acts and sings with a welcome lightness of touch, and her gestures and facial expression as the mechanical doll are very clever. Of the rest of the cast Mr. Patrick Waddington as Candolot, the young monk who is sent out into the world in quest of funds, and Mr. Harry Hilliard as the old head, Loremois, are the most successful.

## The Stage and Charity.

Miss Marie Burke has caused a stir in the English theatrical profession by announcing that, in future, she will not appear at any charity performances unconnected with the entertainment profession, unless a portion of the proceeds is given to a theatrical or variety benevolent object.

Miss Burke writes to the *News Chronicle*: "My resolution is being widely supported by managers, actors and actresses, and variety performers."

"Charity should begin at home. Actors and actresses are contributing through their services far more to miscellaneous charities than they are to their own. People are unaware of the terrible conditions existing among actors and actresses, and our own theatrical charities receive such little support from the public that we have to look after ourselves."

## Gracie Fields' Gift.

Miss Gracie Fields has given to a home for poor children the £105 which she earned by her ten minutes' broadcast performance on Christmas night.

When she was asked by the British Broadcasting Corporation to leave them after they had been agreed to postpone the Empire broadcast, Miss Fields said: "I have never earned money on a Christmas Day and I do not want to. If I perform, the money is going to the kiddies." A fee of one hundred guineas was fixed, and this has been handed by Miss Fields to a fund to furnish and equip the convalescent home at Pashooven (Russia), which she presented to the Music Hall Lilies Guild some time ago.

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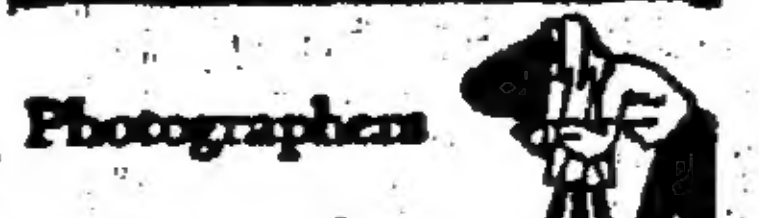
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In the industrial section apart from firmness of tobacco issues, price movements have been small, with business very restricted. Oil shares have not shown much life.

#### Latest Quotations by Wire.

	Jan. 20	Jan. 21
Chinese Govt. Bonds—		
5% 1913	87 1/2	88 1/2
5% 1916	100	100
5% 1918	100	100
4 1/2% 1920	81	82
4 1/2% 1922	82 1/2	83
5% 1924	37	37
5% 1926	83 1/2	84
Imperial Rly. 5%	94 1/2	94 1/2
S.N.R. 5%	39	39
Canton-Kowloon 5%	5-10	5-10
Tientsin-Pukow 5%	5-15	5-15
Tientsin-Pukow 5%	5-15	5-15
2nd	5-15	5-15
S'hai-H'chow-Ningpo	63 1/2	63 1/2
5%	13-17 1/2	13-17 1/2
Hankow 5%	5-10	5-10
Honan 5%	83	83
Lungai 5%	6-10	6-10
Marconi 5%	6-9	6-9
Vickers 5%	100 1/2	100
H. & S. Bank	122 1/2	122 1/2
Chartered Bank	13	13
Merchants Bank	38 1/2	38 1/2
T.C.S.N. 6% cum. pref.	8 1/2	8 1/2
I.C.S.N. 6% def. ord.	8 1/2	8 1/2
Gula Kalmpong	79 1/2	79 1/2
B.A.T. Co. Reg.	40 1/2	40 1/2
Shell T. & T. Reg.	21 1/2	21 1/2
P. & O. def.	70	70
Jap. 5% 2 Loan 1907	84 1/2	84 1/2
Jap. 5% 2 Loan, 1924	84 1/2	84 1/2
Chi. Eng. & Mining	29 1/2	30 1/2
Consols	55 1/2	55 1/2
War Loan, 5%	92 1/2	92 1/2
Canadian Pacific	21 1/2	22 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4%	92 1/2	92 1/2
German 7% Int. Loan	72	72 1/2
Br.	65 1/2	65 1/2
S'hai-Eler. Con.	65 1/2	65 1/2

#### CITY INVADED BY LEPEERS.

#### DEMONSTRATORS DRIVEN BACK TO LEPROSARIUM.

Kumamoto, Japan, Jan. 18.—Kumamoto was quiet to-day after the city had been panic-stricken last night as the result of demonstrations staged by more than 500 lepers who forced their way out of the Kyushu Leprosarium at Goshi, a village in the Kikuri district near Kumamoto.

The lepers objected to the discharge of ten leprosy employees as part of an economy campaign. They paraded toward Kumamoto with the intention of appearing at the buildings of the Prefectural Government.

More than 100 policemen were ordered to duty to prevent the lepers from entering Kumamoto. After nearly two hours of demonstration the patients were persuaded to return to the leprosy and the authorities promised attempts to prevent the discharge of leprosy employees.

While the lepers, who had smashed the gates of the Kyushu Leprosarium, were parading all residents along the line of march remained behind barred doors.

#### PASSENGERS.

##### Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by s.s. Pres. McKinley:—Mr. Owen D. Burnett, Mr. Benjamin M. Reinsteiner, Mr. Sidney J. Burn, Miss B. L. Chang, Mr. John R. Clairmont, Mr. John Carr, Mr. Augustin Chan, Mr. Chu Ming Chuen, Mr. Fan Wah Shum, Mr. Eugene Gieschel, Mr. Leonard N. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chung, Mr. H. M. Hind, Mr. A. R. Harris, Mr. Walter Kelly, Mr. William P.

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## IMPORTS—PRICES CURRENT.

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Imports	Quotations
Market dull, downward tendency.	
KNOW AND STEEL—	
Steel Nail Rods ...	per poul 5.55
“ Bars ...	4.40-4.85
“ Angles ...	4.05
“ Rods ...	5.20
“ Joists ...	4.05
“ Plates ...	9.40
Small round rods ...	5.30
Hoops, black steel ...	7.30
“ galvanized ...	16.75
Black Tubes 1 1/2" ...	Discount
Steam Tubes 1 1/2" ...	5.55
Wire Nail, 1 1/2" ...	per poul 5.55
Galvan. corrugated sheets, 24 1/2" ...	24 1/2" 9.50
24 1/2" ...	24 1/2" 10.10
Galvanized flat sheets, 1 1/2" ...	per lb. 13.25
1 1/2" 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" ...	per lb. 13.25
Galv. wire 18/22 ...	per poul 17.50

Imports	Quotations
KNOW AND STEEL—	
English I.C.W., 20" x 14" ...	11.50-11.90
100 lbs. Spot ...	12.00
To arrive ...	12.00
English I.C.W., 18 1/2" x 14" ...	10.50
110 lbs. Spot ...	12.20
To arrive ...	12.20
American I.C.W., Spot ...	per sack 17.00
To arrive ...	17.00

Imports	Quotations
KNOW AND STEEL—	
“ No. 2 Lump ...	per metric ton 13.25
“ Special Black ...	14.75
“ No. 1 Black ...	13.25
“ No. 2 Black ...	12.25

#### FINES.

Market: Very weak.

Imports	Quotations
KNOW AND STEEL—	
American Patent ...	per sack 14.40-14.60
“ Straight ...	2.30-2.50
“ Cut off ...	2.30-2.70
Australian No. 1 ...	2.80-3.10
“ No. 2 ...	3.20
“ No. 3 ...	3.20
Canadian Cut off ...	3.15-3.25
“ Straight ...	3.10-3.25
“ Mixture ...	3.00-3.10
2nd Clear ...	2.90-3.10

Imports	Quotations
KNOW AND STEEL—	
Stocks	
American ...	150,000 bags
Canadian ...	70,000 "
Australian ...	80,000 "

#### SUNDRIES.

Imports	Quotations
KNOW AND STEEL—	
Window Glass—	
4th Quality of 100 sq. ft. ...	per box \$8.40
Fair average size ...	8.80
1 1/8" thick (18 oz.) ...	18.40

#### CHINA, INDIA AND STRAITS PRODUCE.

Imports	Quotations
KNOW AND STEEL—	
SUGAR—	
Java ...	per 100 lbs. 24.75-25.00
Rough White ...	24.75-25.00
Do ...	7.50-7.75
Rough Brown ...	7.50-7.75
Do ...	7.50-7.75
Molasses ...	(To arrive)

#### GERMAN ELECTIONS BEFORE FRENCH.

#### PARIS PAPER ADVOCATES DELAY TO WATCH PRUSSIAN RESULTS.

Paris, Jan. 19.—A proposal to postpone the French general elections, scheduled for the beginning of May until after the Prussian Diet elections in Germany was mooted this morning by the *Foto de Paris*, the mouthpiece of conservative military quarters.

The leading article, which is attracting much attention hints that a victory of the National Socialists in Prussia might have considerable influence on the trend of events and that, therefore, the French electorate should be given an opportunity to observe developments in Germany before casting its ballots. A postponement of the general elections, the journal declares, would be quite feasible as the constitution provides only for the elections being held before June 1. As the Prussian elections take place on May 8, it is declared, the general elections should be postponed until May 22, so as to afford the French voters a chance to digest the results in Prussia. The leader is headed: “No French elections before the German elections!”

King, Mr. A. Kriegl, Mr. Knabe, Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. Louey Wei Chow, Miss K. Y. Loo, Mr. L. L. Liu, Mr. Joe A. Loon, Miss Gloria Loon, Mr. Loo King Chu, Mr. W. Orlovitz, Mr. Charles C. Roberts, Mr. C. P. Sun, Mr. K. Sun, Mr. W. Schwinchow, Mr. Skerut, Mr. C. T. Tsai, Mr. Rolan E. Vidal, Mr. Wong Sue Kong and Dr. Do Witt H. H. Wolfe.

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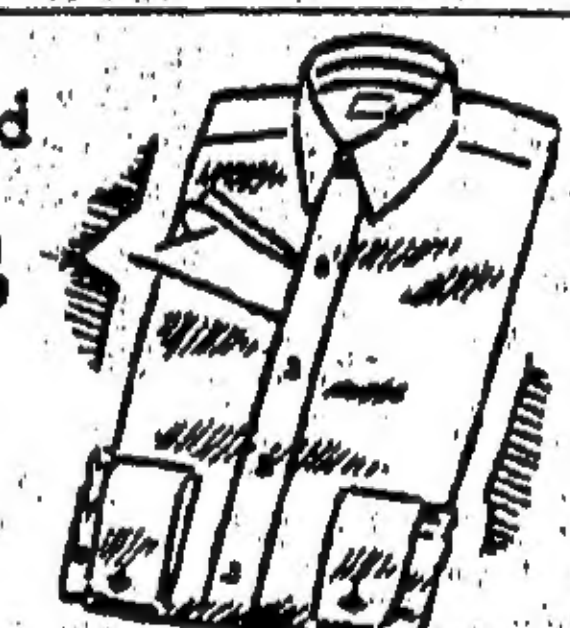


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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Headmaster of the Ellis Kadoorie School, yesterday read a very satisfactory report on the year's work on the occasion of the prize-giving at the school. Mrs. R. E. O. Bird, wife of a former Headmaster of the school, presented the prizes, and among those present were Mr. G. P. de Martin (Director of Education), Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Messrs. A. R. Sutherland, W. Kay and F. J. de Rome.

In presenting his report Mr. Hamilton said:—During the year the school was open on 229 days. Our maximum enrolment was 430 and our average attendance 401. The discipline was good throughout the year, and the boys seem to be particularly healthy, there being only a few cases of minor ailments. At the beginning of the year I look over from Mr. Kay who went home on leave. Miss Newsholme and Mr. Evans also went on leave and their places were filled by Mrs. Stubbings and Mr. Lo Chi Chiu.

The work of the school has been carried on very much the same as in past years. The foundations laid by Mr. R. E. O. Bird, who was headmaster here for 10 years, and Mr. de Rome, who had a reign of five years, left very little scope for innovations. In this connection I should like to refer to the dialogues that form part of our curriculum.

Mr. Bird introduced these dialogues in 1919 and it must be very gratifying to him to find that the book of dialogues now printed is being used in many of the schools in the Colony. In 1929 Mr. de Rome introduced the New Method Readers into Class 8. In the report of that year he was very enthusiastic about these books and was confident they would prove a success. I am sure he will be pleased to know that they are now being used up to Class 6 and by next year every class in the school will be using them.

#### Examination Results.

The Examination results have been satisfactory. In December 80 per cent. of Class 4 boys passed into Queen's College and King's College. In the other classes, the percentage was 66.

In Chinese, out of 341 boys examined, there were only three failures, and 63 boys gained over 90 per cent. of marks.

A frequent visitor now is Mrs. Minett, Medical Officer for Schools. A Clinic was started here in September and the Medical Officer or her assistant is in attendance twice a week.

In the matter of scholarships and prizes we are particularly fortunate; 20 boys have won scholarships and 78 prizes have been awarded. I wish to take the opportunity of thanking those who make it possible for such a large percentage of our boys to benefit to such an extent.

We have with us this morning Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O. Bird. Mr. Bird was headmaster here for nearly 10 years and went home on retirement seven years ago. Mrs. Bird had a long connection with Bellis Public School. It is a very great pleasure to me to welcome them back again amongst us, and I consider we are very fortunate indeed in having them with us to-day. On behalf of the staff and the whole school I wish to thank you, Mrs. Bird, for doing us this very great honour.

In a short reply, Mr. Bird said he was pleased to see that so much attention was being paid to conversation. It was necessary if a pupil wished to go ahead. He wished them a happy new year.

Three cheers were given for Mrs. Bird, who asked that a holiday be granted, and also for Mr. Hamilton.

### CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUND.

EQUIPPED BY ROTARY CLUB.

OPENED BY SIR WILLIAM HORNELL.

The playground in Wanchai, provided by the Government and equipped by the Rotary Club, was formally opened yesterday afternoon by the President of the Rotary Club (Sir William Hornell), who was accompanied by the Rev. E. G. Powell, Messrs. J. L. McPherson, J. M. Wong, F. A. Mackintosh and M. F. Key (one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries). Many hundreds of children and schoolboys followed the party into the playground, and surrounded a small platform which had been erected there.

The Rev. E. G. Powell, as President of the Community Service Committee, asked Sir William Hornell to declare the playground open, and, as a memento, to accept a silver key.

Sir William Hornell said: It is a great pleasure to me to come down here this afternoon to declare this playground formally open. This is the first philanthropic or public work which the Rotary Club has attempted. Personally, I do not think they could have made a better start. There are far too few open spaces and playgrounds in Hong Kong. Mr. MacPherson and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. have undertaken to manage, direct, and control this playground for the Rotary Club. There will be someone here every day to teach you to play properly, according to the rules, and in an orderly fashion. Remember, life consists in "playing the game." I only hope that you will make the best use of the playground, and that it will do something to add to the joy and pleasure of your lives. I thank Rotarian Powell and the members of the Community Service Committee for presenting me with this key which I shall keep as a memento of a very pleasant duty.

Mr. Ko Sik Wai, Executive Secretary of the Kowloon Branch of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and head of its physical culture activities, interpreted the speech to the assembled throng of children, and concluded by announcing that the games would now begin. In a moment the various playing grounds were surrounded and volley ball and basket ball games begun.

### INTIMIDATION ALLEGED.

SIX CHINESE ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Six Chinese, named Wong Chui, Chun Kan, Chan Wong, Wan Yuk Tong, Chun Kwong and Lau Chun, were charged before Mr. J. A. Fraser at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday with demanding money with menaces from Leung Sau on January 14. They were also charged with intimidation and conspiracy to obtain the sum of \$420 from the complainant.

Mr. Hin Shing Do was for the fourth defendant while the others were not legally represented. Inspector J. Murphy, of the S.C.A., conducted the case for the prosecution.

Outlining the case, Inspector Murphy said that the complainant, who was part owner of a junk, was on his way from the junk to the shore about 8 a.m. on the morning of the 14th inst. when another junk, coming from the opposite direction and containing the first three defendants, stopped them. They asked the complainant to go on their vessel and when the man refused, he was threatened with daggers. He eventually consented and it was then that they accused him of being an informer against the Communists. The first defendant is alleged to have asked the man for \$400 as compensation and they also wanted him to join a society, the entrance fee for which was \$20, so that they wanted \$420 in all.

The complainant said he had no money with him and they met two days later when the defendants again demanded the sum. An appointment was made for the 14th inst., but on the day before this, the complainant made a report to the police about the matter and as a result a trap was set and the defendants were finally arrested in a boarding house.

The complainant gave corroborative evidence, after which hearing was adjourned.

### HOSPITAL NEEDS IN KOWLOON

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN COUNCIL.

TRANSPORTATION POINT RAISED.

Questions relative to the facilities for conveying patients from Kowloon to Hong Kong and the adequacy or otherwise of hospital accommodation will be asked at the next meeting of the legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Mr. Braga's questions are in the following terms:—

1.—Will the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services kindly inform the Council whether he is satisfied with the adequacy and efficiency of the existing arrangements for water-borne conveyance of infective patients of communicable diseases from the mainland to the island?

2.—If the reply to the first question is in the affirmative, will he explain the failure to secure transportation in the specific case of a patient for whom application for conveyance was made shortly after 8 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th December, and the special launch was not available until 9.10 a.m. on the following day?

If in the negative, what special recommendations, if any, he proposes to make for supplementing the present inadequate arrangements for prompt and efficient transportation of infective patients from Kowloon to Hong Kong?

3.—Does the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services consider the present hospital accommodation in Kowloon adequate, in point of buildings and equipment and also of doctors and nursing staff, to cope with any sudden and widespread outbreak of a communicable disease in epidemic form such as is taking place in the Colony at the present time?

4.—Does the Government consider that the provision for hospital accommodation in Kowloon has kept pace with the development of the Peninsula and the amazing growth of its population?

5.—What immediate steps are contemplated to remedy the existing insufficiency of hospital accommodation for the urgent needs of Kowloon residents?

6.—Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state whether Government has any intention, and when, of submitting plans to the Finance Committee of the Council for a further extension of the Kowloon Hospital, in addition to the Maternity Wing, in order to meet the requirements of an emergency arising out of and outbreak of disease in a virulent form.

### LOCAL PROBATES.

LATE DR. JEU HAWK'S ESTATE.

Local estate worth \$26,300 was left by the late Dr. Jeu Hawk, who died intestate at 386, Bonham Road on October 26, last. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Mrs. Jennie Jeu Hawk, of 386, Bonham Road.

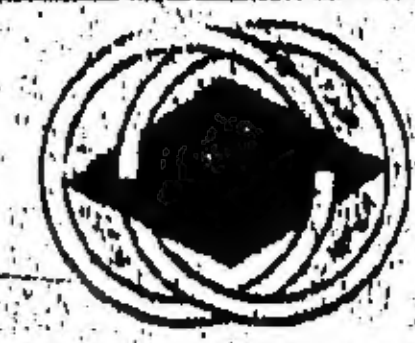
The late Yung Shiu-wai, alias Yung Sen Wai, alias Yung Wo Pik, alias Yung Hip Wo, alias Yung Siway, alias Yung Chi Lap Tong, who died intestate at 85, Parkes Street, Yau-mat, on April 16, 1931, left local estate valued at \$32,400. Letters of administration have been granted to Yung Cheung Sh, widow, of the Parkes Street address.

Local estate to the value of \$11,100 was left by the late Cheong Kam Sui, who died intestate at St. Paul's Hospital on December 3, 1930. Letters of administration have been granted to Cheong Pun Chi and Cheong Kwan Chie, sons, both of 43, Stanley Street.

### CHANGE AT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

NEW CHIEF ENGINEER ARRIVES TO-DAY.

Amongst those who are arriving on the Troopship Lancashire to-day is Colonel S. Boyd, D.S.O., who is relieving Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., as Chief Engineer at Command Headquarters. Colonel and Mrs. Skinner depart for the United Kingdom by the same ship on February 8.



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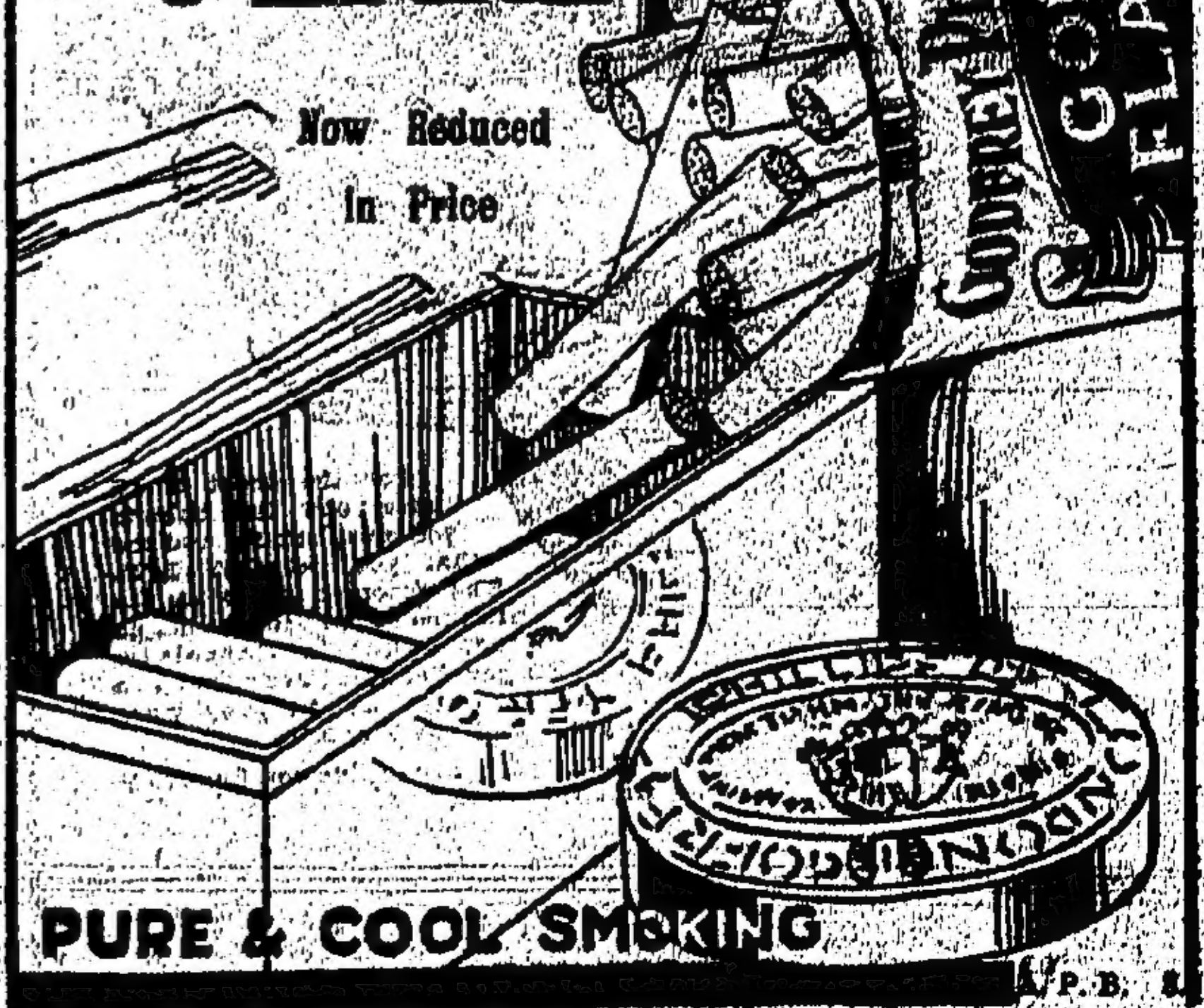
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## EVENTFUL YEAR.

## VERNACULAR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S REPORT.

## RUMOURS A DISCOURAGING FEATURE.

Claiming that improper reports in the vernacular papers might have caused the loss of 50 students in the upper classes in the school, Mr. K. H. Li of the Vernacular Middle School yesterday stated that the year 1931 had been an eventful one for the school.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau distributed the awards, and congratulated those who had been successful in gaining honours during the year, and at the same time appealed to the others not to be disheartened. Success, he said, would come with continued efforts, and he exhorted the whole school to do their best to co-operate with the teachers in their two interests and for the honour of the school.

In presenting his report, Mr. K. H. Li extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Chau and thanked him for his ungrudging and untiring support of the school. They also congratulated him on his recent appointment to the Legislative Council.

The maximum enrolment for the year was 282, the average attendance being 238.62 as against 251 and 268.82 respectively in 1930.

He could say that 1931 had been the most eventful year in the history of the school. They had sustained the loss, through death, of Mr. Fung Ping-shan, and had suffered several staff losses through resignations and transfers. It was also deeply to be regretted that in April and May damaging rumours were spread by vernacular papers concerning the future of the school. The improper information had proved a discouraging factor both to the staff and students, and might account for the loss of 50 students chiefly from the upper classes.

Of the six students who sat for the special matriculation of the University, only one was successful. From 1927 to 1930 the percentage of success had varied between 80 per cent. and 40 per cent. Hence they could realise the unhappy effects of the circumstances mentioned.

## Examination Successes.

In December, 15 Normal students sat for their Final Examination, and four passed, while two were referred in certain subjects. Of the two students referred in 1930, one passed.

In the sphere of sports traditional interest had been maintained. The school was placed in the Inter-School Volley Ball contest. By kind permission of the headmaster of King's College, the school had the loan of its swimming pool, and it was gratifying to find that among the boys were many promising swimmers.

In spite of the unfavourable surrounding of the school, he was glad to say the health of the students and staff continued to be satisfactory.

In conclusion he expressed thanks to the staff for their loyal co-operation and to the prize donors for their generosity.

## Mr. Wood's Speech.

Those present included the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. Chau Tung-sang, Mr. Wai, Inspector of Vernacular Schools and Mr. Lam Tung.

The Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, in the course of a brief speech, said: Mr. Li King-hong has kindly asked me to speak a few words. I have never tried to make a speech and I shall never be able to make one. However, I will try to take this opportunity to express my faith in the Vernacular Middle School. Ever since the beginning of the school, there has been great competition to enter it. This shows that the parents of this Colony appreciate very much the opportunity afforded to their sons. As the headmaster has pointed out the loss of the school on the death of Mr. Fung Ping-shan, I should like to add a few words of my personal feeling regarding this loss, not only to the school, but also to the Colony. He always rendered great help whenever work of an unofficial, modest and generous nature presented itself. I conclude wishing the school everlasting success in the hope that it may go on from strength to strength.

## AMBULANCE WORK IN HONG KONG.

## ANNUAL INSPECTION AND PRIZE-GIVING.

## H.E. THE GOVERNOR ON NEED FOR MORE SUPPORT.

The annual inspection and distribution of prizes of the Hong Kong Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was conducted by H.E. the Governor at the ground of the South China Athletic Association at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, when there was an excellent muster of all sections of the Brigade. Mr. Morris, the Divisional Superintendent, was in charge of the men, while the nursing section paraded under Mrs. Langley, the Secretary. The band of the South Wales Borderers rendered selections during the parade.

His Excellency, with whom was Lady Peel, and who was attended by Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., and Mr. G. W. Tutton, Private Secretary, was accompanied by H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Major-General J. W. Sandilands, attended by Captain Cameron, A.D.C.

A large crowd was present, special places near the official party being occupied by notable European and Chinese personalities of the Colony.

## Demonstration of First Aid.

Immediately after His Excellency had inspected the Brigade, a short demonstration of First Aid was given, in which all sections of the Brigade, including boy cadets and the ambulances, took part. Sir William and Lady Peel manifested great interest in the treatment of the various "cases."

The display concluded, the Brigade reformed in their original ranks, then marched towards the official dais, round which they formed three sides of a square.

## Distribution of Prizes.

His Excellency then distributed the prizes, the various awards and their recipients being as follows:—

Vellum of Thanks:—Corps Officer A. J. Aulic, L/Cpl. Chan Pak Ling, L/Cpl. Pun Chi Fan, Pte. Tsang Chung, Pte. Wan Sau Kong, Railway Division.

Brigade Trophies:—Ralphs Shield, Y.M.C.A. Division; Savage Memorial Cup, K.C.O.B. Division; Ho Kom Tong Nursing Shield, Victoria Nursing Division; Holyoak Attendance Cup, K.C.P.B. Division; Lau Chu Pak Duty Cup, Y.M.C.A. and Mongkok Divisions; Wong Kwong Tin Vaccination Cup, Mongkok Division; Ho Fook Efficiency Cup, Squad 7.

Swimming Trophies:—Ellis Kadoorie Team Race, K.C.P.B. Division; Ho Tung Life Saving, K.C.O.B. Division; Ho Brothers Cup, St. Joseph's College Division; Nam Young Cup, K.C.O.B. Division; Chan Chan Nam Cup, St. Joseph's College Division; Chater Challenge Shield Brigade Championship, K.C.O.B. Division.

Special Duty Awards:—Shaukiwan Nursing Division; Shaukiwan Ambulance Division (Presented by the Chinese Civil Servants' Club for attendance at Bathing Club during the Summer, 1931).

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

His Excellency then addressed the Brigade in the following speech:—

Mr. Morris, Officers and Members of the Hong Kong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.—It has given me great pleasure to hold this inspection to-day, and I congratulate you all on the excellent turnout and on the interesting display that you have given. I also congratulate the recipients of the various trophies and awards which I have just distributed. The Corps greatly appreciates the cups kindly given by the Chinese Civil Service Club as awards for Special Duty.

The last year's record of the Corps gives further evidence of the excellent work that is being done, and of its great usefulness in this Colony. It continues to carry out its vaccination campaign, and performed over 71,000 vaccinations up to the 21st inst.

I need hardly stress the great value of this work in helping to lessen the risks of small-pox.

## Excellent Work.

Members of the Corps continue to attend football matches, races and various public functions on duty, and I have myself been struck by the promptitude with which they attend to any accidents which may occur. In particular the Corps did excellent work at the time of the unfortunate railway accident at Shatin last April, and also on the occasion of the unfortunate accident.

(Continued on next column.)

## NORTHERN TROOPS TURN COMMUNIST.

## FEAR THEY MAY INVADE KWANGTUNG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 26.

That General Sun Ling Chung and his army of over 20,000 strong, who were despatched to Kiangsi to suppress the Communists some two months ago, have turned Communist has been confirmed. A large part of these troops after their occupation of Tingschow, have entered Fukien, and are showing signs of invading Kwangtung from the north-eastern border. They wear a red band, the insignia of the Red Army, around their arms, indicating that they have come to agreement with the Communists. In spite of two months' campaigning they have not come into conflict with the "Reds."

General Chen Tsai Tong, fearing they might enter Kwangtung, has decided to dispatch an expedition into Kiangsi and Fukien to clean them up. General Chang Sui Kwei, General Wong Tsai Man, and Col. Chung Koon Foon have been ordered to Fukien and Kiangsi to check the advances of these Communists.

Japanese riots in this Colony last September. Headquarters have shown their appreciation of the work done by various members on these occasions.

One of the outstanding services performed by the Corps to-day in the health and child welfare work which it is carrying out in the New Territories. Few people realise the time given up on Sundays by Mr. Morris, Mrs. Langley, and her nurses to this work. There is no doubt that it is of immense value, and they have succeeded in gaining the confidence of the people in the Territories. Both the Colony and the residents there are greatly indebted to these officers, and also to the doctors who assist them, for the excellent work which they are doing. They have received assistance, both in money and also in kind, for example, Mr. Fung K. Cheuk and Mr. Tang Pak Kau have placed parts of their houses at Fanling and Kam Tin, respectively, at the disposal of the resident nurse at each place. Government have also assisted in allowing the Brigade the use of certain Government buildings at Kam Tin. I inspected these informally last Sunday.

## Three Ambulances.

The Colony is indebted also to the Corps for having built and lent to Government two more motor ambulances, making three in all, for public purposes, while they have almost completed the construction of a motor travelling dispensary, which will soon be brought into use. This vehicle will probably prove a considerable use in moving women and children to and from their houses in connection with the child welfare centre which the Corps is running in the New Territories.

A good deal of generosity has been shown, but only by comparatively few, and I appeal to a larger number to assist in this direction. In particular I should like to congratulate Mr. Tang Shin Kin for so successfully collecting the sum of \$5,000 for the children's welfare centre at Kam Tin, and at the same time to thank all those who have so generously given financial support. Thanks are also due to the Divisional Surgeon and all those other medical men who have assisted the Corps by lectures and by conducting examinations and tests. The Corps is also indebted to various hospitals for their help, and to Dr. Li Shu Fan for offering free hospital services at the Young Ho Hospital.

## Centenary of the Brigade.

It is of interest that the St. John Ambulance Brigade celebrated the centenary of its formation in England last year. Hong Kong was happily represented by Corps Officer Jacques, who was greatly impressed by the celebrations. It is also of interest that the uniform was greatly admired and is being adopted in other colonies.

An interesting link has been established between Lancashire and Hong Kong by Mr. Ralphs, late Commissioner here, who has presented to his District Division for competition a shield to be called "The Ho Kom Tong Shield" after Mr. Ho Kom Tong, who has been associated "for so long" with the Brigade in this Colony.

I appeal to you all to continue the excellent work that you are doing, and I also appeal to the public of Hong Kong generally for further financial help, which is essential if such work is to continue.

## March Past.

His Excellency then took the salute during the march past, and the official party withdrew.

## GOVERNORSHIP OF KWANGTUNG.

## DR. C. C. WU REFUSES TO ACCEPT OFFICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 26.

Notwithstanding previous reports to the contrary, Dr. C. C. Wu, the newly appointed Governor of Kwangtung, has, after all, definitely decided not to accept the office. His decision was the result of disagreement with certain military leaders in Kwangtung, over the matter of jurisdiction. Dr. Wu demanded that the military should not interfere with the civil administration, and that was precisely what they would not agree to.

It will be remembered that Kwangtung has been divided into four Military Rehabilitation Areas, over each of which is a ruling military general.

Dr. Wu left Canton for Hong Kong last night to confer with Mr. Hu Han Mia.

## CHINESE WEDDING.

## MARRIAGE OF A POPULAR LOCAL COUPLE.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room yesterday afternoon when Miss Fay Shuen Kwan Li became the bride of Mr. Chan Man Chan. Miss Li is a daughter of Mr. Li Hoi Tung, Managing Director of Banker & Co., Ltd., while the bridegroom, son of Mr. Chan Chung Chuen, a prominent local merchant, is a Master of Science of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A., and is connected with the Claude Neon Lights Co., Ltd., Shanghai.

The wedding was solemnized in accordance with the Chinese civil ceremony, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, O.B.E., LL.D., officiating. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss May Ung, Miss Eva Thomas and Miss Anna Thomas as bridesmaids. The duties of "best man" were performed by Mr. Lo Tung Fan.

Following the ceremony a reception was given when over 300 were entertained, among those present being many prominent local merchants and residents.

The newly married couple will leave for Shanghai and Hangchow to spend their honeymoon.

## NEW SOLICITOR ADMITTED.

## MR. PETER HING KAI KWOK.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, before Sir Joseph Kemp, the Chief Justice, Mr. Peter Hing Kai Kwok was admitted to practice as a solicitor on the application of the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.).

Mr. Kwok, who is a brother of Mr. F. H. Kwok of the firm of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, is joining the firm of Messrs. Tao and Hodgson.

Mr. Kwok was formerly of 42, Oakhill Road, London, S.W., and was articled to Mr. E. A. Davidson of Messrs. Gard, Lyell & Co., 47, Gresham Street, London. He passed his final examinations in March last year, and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Judicature in England in June.

His Lordship, in admitting Mr. Kwok, said he did so with pleasure and expressed the hope that he would have a successful career.

don:—Certificates: First: Steps Thelma Koonache, Jeanette Wong, Paula Hollands (Honour).

Preparatory: Elizabeth Charles, Ellen Price.

Junior Division: Annie Nissen, Laura Li.

Intermediate Theory (Honour) and Senior Practical Certificate, Margaret Stickland.

Higher Local Certificate Lily Shearer.

## FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL.

## LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

The prizes won during the recent examinations and the certificates won by the school's candidates at the recent University examinations were presented to students at the French Convent on Saturday at an informal prize-giving. His Lordship, Bishop H. Valtorta, and the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne made short but very encouraging speeches to the girls of the school.

## List of Awards.

The full list of prize winners is as follows:—

## Prize List.

Chinese Preparatory Class A:—General Application and Progress: Lizzie Wong, Irene Chan. Arithmetic: Winnie Li. General Progress: Ellie Chan. Regular Attendance and Progress: Catherine Cheung. General Progress and Needlework: Marie Hon.

General Progress and Drawing: Betty Kwan.

General Progress and Religious Knowledge: Elisabeth Charles.

Good Conduct and Progress: Annie Cheung.

Kindergarten:—Class Prize: Jose da Silva, Marie Charles, Elsie Xavier, Phoebe Kan.

Class 7 B:—Class Prizes: 1st Class Prize, Emma Lu; 2nd Class Prize, Ruby Lau; 3rd Class Prize, Ada Summ; 4th Class Prize, Marie da Rosa; 5th Class Prize, Christiane Caude.

Class 7 A:—Class Prizes for General Progress: Dora Nicholson, Paula Hollands, Lily Pueter, Betty Longbottom.

Class 6:—1st Class Prize: Lily Trinh; 2nd Class Prize and Good Conduct, Catherine Tang; 3rd Class Prize and Arithmetic, Bilkees Nurkhan; Regular Attendance and Progress, Mohinder Kaur; Religious Knowledge and Progress, Jeanette Wong, Rosie Raptis.

Class 5 B:—General Progress, Drawing and Music, Mabel Li; Application and Progress, Hilda Salmon; Evelyn Middleton, Marquise Boggiano; Application and Progress, Alicia Gutierrez; 1st Class Prize English and Drawing, Giron Nicholson.

Class 5 A:—Class Prize and Religious Knowledge, Fanny Ip, Catherine Fong, Daisy Eui. The "Anna Memorial" Class Prize and Good Conduct Prize, Pansy Chan.

(This Prize is awarded by the friends of the late Sister Anna.) 1st Class Prize and Religious Knowledge, Mary Young.

Removal Classes:—Class 4:—General Progress and Application, Nazera Nazarin, Mary Ha, Juliette Hassan, Paula, Ayock, Marquise Wong, Audrey Jackson.

Class 3:—General Progress:—Milagros Mendezona, Beatrice Fernandez, Constance Wong, Ruby Tang.

General Progress and Music:—Annie Nissen.

Class Test Prize (offered by the Reverend Mother) and Prize for Music: Laura Li.

Class Prize and the Lugard Scholarship for the year 1932-1933: Patricia Stickland.

University Classes:—Junior Class: Prize for Biblical Knowledge and Progress, Irene Bitter. Arithmetic and Drawing, Nora Yuen.

Good Conduct and Drawing, Theresa Li.

English Composition, Margie Arculli.

Junior Prize and University Certificates: Edna Sprinkle, Leah Salmon, Janie Weller, Nariya Nazarin, Margaret Kong, Rosie Murphy, Josephine Choa.

Senior University Class:—Senior Class Prize:—Jessie Chan, Elfrida Xavier, Ada Shum, Louise Choa.

Class Prize and Special Prize for French, presented by Mr. McArthur, Helen Bogdanak.

Class Prize and Senior Local Certificate:—Biddy Lee, Mary Lee, Gretel Kwilops, Edna Carroll, Katherine Butterfield.

Prize for Good Conduct and Senior Local Certificate, Hassanah Abbas.

Good Conduct Class Prize and Music: Margaret Stickland.

Good Conduct, Mathematics, and the Senior Local Certificate Special Prize, presented by Mr. Ho Kam Tong, O.B.E., Merit Ching.

Trinity College of Music, London. (Continued on previous column.)

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 3rd February 1932, to Thursday, the 11th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 12.15 p.m. on the same day and at the same place as and immediately after the before mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 96A of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution thereof of the words "Five thousand Dollars."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPPEL,  
Secretary.

27th January, 1932. [1743]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS,  
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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 2nd to WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
W. F. SIMMONS,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Jan. 26th, 1932. [1744]

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 28th January to TUESDAY, 16th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
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Hong Kong, 19th Jan 1932. [1724]

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report,  
forecast and remarks, issued by  
the Royal Observatory at 5.10  
p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone appears to  
be central near Sianfu.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds,  
moderate; fine to cloudy.

## DEATHS.

KUNT.—On January 19, at Shang-  
hai, DOROTHY EUNICE KUNT,  
aged 37 years. Dearly beloved  
wife of FRANK KUNT.

WEL.—On January 20, Mrs. D. N.  
WEL, beloved mother of Mrs.  
NELLIE WEL NEE, aged 94 years.

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## The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, JANUARY 27, 1932.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GREAT  
BRITAIN.

Britain's greatest problem is unemployment, and everyone is anxious to see what will be the effect of the new tariff policy on British industry and the extent to which surplus labour will be absorbed. The National Government, which has imposed these protective duties has also introduced reforms which cleared away certain abuses in the administration of the Insurance Acts, and thus debarr'd a number of recipients of unemployment pay from further benefits. The result of these various changes was that the number of unemployed declined considerably within a very short period. It is, therefore, opportune to review the situation, in the light of the latest information to hand, especially the statistics recently issued by the Ministry of Labour. In the first place it is interesting to note that the total number of persons engaged in occupations for gain (apart from employers and persons working on their own account) is estimated to be between 18,000,000 and 18,500,000.

Of these the number insured against unemployment under the Unemployment Insurance Acts is approximately 12,500,000. The balance of about 6,000,000 who are not insured is composed mainly of agricultural workers, young people under 16 and old people over 65 years of age, and persons employed otherwise than by way of manual labour at a rate of remuneration exceeding £250 a year. There are

also a number of persons employed by public authorities, and others with rights under authorised superannuation schemes, etc., who do not come under the operation of the Unemployment Insurance Acts. Among most of these classes the incidence of unemployment is less severe than among uninsured persons generally.

The total number of persons on the registers of the Employment Exchange on the 14th of December last was 2,372,802. Of these 2,644,383 were wholly unemployed; 422,013 were on short time, or were otherwise suspended from work on the definite understanding that they were shortly to return to their former employment; 106,024 were persons who normally seek a livelihood by means of casual jobs of short duration.

The unemployed who are in receipt of benefit may be divided roughly into two classes. There are those who are in receipt of "ordinary" benefit by reason of the fact that they have paid thirty or more insurance contributions during the preceding two years. There are those in receipt of "transitional" benefit. This latter class consists of those who are unable to satisfy the contributions test for ordinary benefit, but who are able to satisfy certain special conditions less restrictive in character. The unemployed in receipt of ordinary benefit number about two millions and those in receipt of transitional benefit over half a million.

There are the two further subdivisions. The wholly unemployed are those who are definitely out of a job and have no knowledge of the date on which they will find work. The temporarily unemployed includes those on short time who were not at work on the day of the count, and those otherwise suspended from employment on the definite understanding that they are to resume work with their former employers within six weeks from the date of suspension.

From these figures it will be seen that, serious as the problem undoubtedly is, it is not so serious as it is generally imagined to be. When all reasonable allowances have been made for the few unemployed who do not register at the Labour Exchanges, there is no doubt that the total number of British workers in employment on any one day exceeds fifteen million. And of the unemployed a substantial proportion are out of work only for short periods. There is thus every reason to hope that energetic measures by the Government at home, and a clearing-up of the international situation, will reduce the problem of unemployment in Great Britain to reasonable dimensions.

## King's Theatre Innovation.

We would remind our readers that the management of the King's Theatre are showing, on Wednesday and Saturday, special screenings of British news reels from 11.45 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be a continuous performance, each performance lasting just over half-an-hour. The prices are extremely moderate—50 cents upstairs and 20 cents downstairs, including entertainment tax.

## Fire! Fire!

A fire at the War Office recently stimulated a Very High Official to take a personal interest in the arrangements of the War Office for dealing with such emergencies.

He asked many questions to satisfy himself that there was an established routine for dealing with outbreaks, that the hydrants were adequate, and that each messenger knew his duty.

Then he retired to his sanctum to brood over the matter, and after an hour or so decided to put it to a practical test.

Throwing open the door he stepped into the corridor and shouted "Fire! Fire!" at the top of his voice.

The response was immediate, but not what he expected. A messenger came running into his room with a scuttle full of fresh coal.

## Tale of the Day.

A local lady recently received a letter, insufficiently stamped, from her seven-year-old niece in London. It concluded: "P. S. Please excuse penny stamp, but I am doing my bit in this economy stunt."

## A 6ft. 8in. Boy.

A boy of 17, who played in the London Public School v. The Rest Rugby match at Richmond stands 6ft. 8in. and weighs 18 stone.

## Shanties Earn New Year Dinners.

The ilk of the seas was in the voice of an old out-of-work mariner who sang shanties to passers-by in Liverpool at New Year time.

And something of their direct freshness caught his listeners—particularly the older folk—for he went home with

A turkey,  
Two ducks,  
Three chickens,  
Four pounds of butter,  
A quart of elderberry wine, and  
Two bottles of wine.

They would have given him money, too, if he had wanted it.

"I only wanted to give a few people a good dinner," he said.

Most of all, however, he was delighted to find that the shanties he used to sing at the capstan could still make jazz-age people listen.

## Curious Obsequies.

The surprising thing about the story of an undertaker of Buenos Aires who did a friend proud by providing "seventeen aged women to faint at the bier" at his funeral, at 23 a head, is not the size of the bill, but that anyone should conceive it to be a tribute to the departed to engage seventeen aged women to faint at his funeral.

When he went further, and hired forty-one women to weep for an hour at 23 a head, he was merely following a good old Oriental custom. But to have seventeen aged women fainting shows real imagination.

It is believed it was originally thought of by the publicity agent of a deceased film-star, but that does not explain its appeal to the private citizen.

## Missed Opportunity.

It seems a pity that Mr. Lloyd George only visited the Pyramids

## ★ News and Views ★

## Prince Becomes Priest.

Perhaps the most unexpected change of occupation in the case of the ex-Crown Prince of Saxony. He is now a Jesuit father in Holland.

Prince Christopher of Hessen, the youngest son of the ex-Kaiser's sister, is a salesman for a Berlin motor firm.

The list does credit to the versatility of the Imperial outcasts. One doubts, however, if it will impress the German public, which is anything from extreme monarchist to extreme Communist and everything except pre-Hohenzollern.

## Striking Home.

A London correspondent has just received a terminal report on his son, aged 10. "He must be careful," it runs, "not to use journalism in his essays."

## From Oberammergau to England.

Inquiries have disclosed that over thirty girls who took part in the last Passion Play at Oberammergau are now occupying domestic posts in England.

## America's Motor Death Roll.

America, where the passion for statistics rivals the craze for backgammon, has already prepared its motor death-roll for 1931.

The total, complete to December 27, reveals a casualty list which in its number of deaths exceeds by more than five times our total losses during the Boer war.

In 1931 American automobiles killed 34,000 persons, or slightly less than the number of American soldiers killed in the Great War.

Returns from 27 States show a considerable increase in the number of motor fatalities, while the total increase for the entire nation is nearly three per cent.

The highest increases are shown by Montana, Missouri and California.

## His Brown "Suit."

Mr. H. G. Watkins, leader of the Greenland expedition, told an amusing story of Mr. A. Courtauld, who wintered in the Arctic, in a lecture to children arranged by the Royal Empire Society in London.

Courtauld sent a wireless message home saying "Send suit," of which he was fond. When the relief ship arrived he was handed a smart double-breasted brown suit.

## How it is Done.

The standard instance of a school report devastating in its directness is that of the boy of whom his master wrote: "Manners none. Customs beastly."

But it was Thring, Uppingham's famous head, who was wont to write, with tactful ambiguity, "There never was such a Latin scholar."

## ★ Local Notes and Events ★

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Sourabaya on account of Plague.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Star Ferry Co. will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon on Thursday, February 11.

Having disappeared on Tuesday last, the body of Wong Tin, aged 30, was recovered from the Harbour by the Water Police launch on Monday. The man, had been employed as an engineer on an A.P.C. lighter.

Banished only on Saturday last, a Chinese was arrested on Monday in the Colony for returning from banishment, and when brought before Mr. Williams at Central Magistrate's yesterday, was sentenced to ten months' hard labour.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Attorney-General will move the first readings of a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Estate Duty, a Bill to make provision for Proceedings in reference to Juvenile Offenders, and a Bill to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.

Two brothers appeared before Mr. Schofield at Central Magistrate's yesterday as parties in an assault case. The police stated that one accused the other of stealing and pawning his clothes and the one thus accused assaulted his brother with a file, causing a superficial wound. His Worship fined the aggressor \$10.

Summoned for driving in Kennedy Road, Mr. F. E. Pilmer, in the employ of Messrs. Arnold & Co., 51, Bonham Strand, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield yesterday. Kennedy Road is ordinarily closed to public vehicular traffic and, according to Inspector Alexander of the Traffic Department, permits to drive on such road can be obtained at \$2 a month or \$20 a year.

One case of diphtheria, two of cerebro-spinal fever and one of puerperal fever were reported on Monday. During last week there were seven cases (three deaths) of diphtheria, six cases (two deaths) of enteric fever and 44 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

According to a notice posted at the Harbour Office, the wreck of the Chinese gunboat at Tungchow on the Yangtze River, has drifted into the fairway and constitutes a danger to navigation. The last position was about two cables south of Tungchow light buoy.

The Harbour Master at Pakhoi notifies that a buoy, unlighted, and painted red and black will be placed experimentally to mark the turning point for vessels entering and leaving Pakhoi in a position from which Kwantao Point bears 151 deg. distance 12 miles.

The Hong Kong dollar registered a drop of a farthing yesterday, the demand rate being 1s. 4 13/16d. The case in which Private Thomas and Howells of the South Wales Borderers, are charged in connection with the recent theft at the residence of Mr. H. L. Dennis, was again mentioned before Mr. Williams at Central Police Court yesterday. His Worship fixed Monday afternoon for the hearing of the case of receiving stolen property against Howells.

The Fire Brigade received no less than three calls on Monday night and early on Tuesday morning. Of these, one was a false alarm, one was a call from the Nam Yan Tobacco Factory where an electric motor had become overheated causing an outbreak of a minor nature and one was from 17, Gage Street, where a "jockey" and lantern-maker's shop had caught fire. No very serious damage was done at the last address, due to the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade.

## from the files.

Legislation in Hong Kong has apparently come to a complete standstill, the reputed activity of its Governor notwithstanding. The last meeting of the Legislative Council, at which any save formal business was transacted, was held on August 29th. Last, some five months ago. It will be recalled that at the meeting of the Council of the 23rd August the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, in the course of a speech on the work of the unofficial members, suggested among other things that the Council meetings should be held at fixed periods, mentioning at the same time the first Monday in each month as convenient dates. His Excellency the Governor in reply said that the suggestion was deserving of the fullest consideration. We can only presume that the suggestion has required very full consideration indeed, for His Excellency has certainly not shown any signs of adopting it yet.

Hong Kong Daily Press, January 27, 1932.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Loyal Germans yesterday celebrated the birthday of the Emperor William in a fitting manner.

Russia has notified China and Japan of her decision to evacuate Manchuria immediately, instead of waiting for the appointed date of April 15.

On Saturday afternoon the second of the four steam wheelers designed for river trade in Tonkin, and built to the order of Messrs. Beyer, was launched from the Yard of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company. As she left the wharves she was christened "Emerald" by Mrs. Jack.

On Saturday afternoon His Excellency the Governor received Admiral Tanager of the Japanese Fleet at Government House. The Admiral arrived in the Colony the previous day on board the Japanese cruiser "Takachiku."—Hong Kong Daily Press, January 7, 1907.



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QUOTATIONS.

With the Settlement out of the way, there was some liveliness at the afternoon session, an enquiry having developed for a number of counters in the list.

Sales.  
Wool, Tls. 16 1/2.  
Cements (combined), \$19.40.  
Star Ferris, \$101.  
Electric, \$77.

Buyers.  
Unions, \$400.  
Providents (old), \$5.20.  
Providents (new), \$2.45.  
Hong Kong Lands, \$81.  
Wool, Tls. 16.30.  
China Lights, \$23.30.  
Cements (combined), \$19.30.  
Constructions (old), \$5.40.  
Constructions (new), \$1.85.  
Douglases, \$24.  
Hotels (old), \$15.15.  
Hotels (new), \$14.  
Realties, \$11.60.  
Trams, \$22.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$77.  
Canton Loan, \$5.  
Hong Kong Government Loan, \$3 per cent. premium.

Sellers.  
Wool, Tls. 16 1/2.  
Lane, Crawford, \$6.25.  
Enterprises, \$10.



# GRAVE OUTLOOK IN THE NORTH

## Will Japan Occupy Shanghai? U. S. Warships Hurrying To Shanghai

JAPANESE WARSHIPS ORDERED TO CHINA

ONE CRUISER AND TWELVE DESTROYERS

CHINA ADOPTS A POLICY OF MODERATION

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS JAPAN IS DETERMINED THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF ANTI-JAPANESE SOCIETIES IN CHINA, THOUGH ADDING THAT WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN WILL DEPEND ON CHINA. THE OFFICIALS EMPHASISE THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE TO INJURE JURISDICTION IN THE SETTLEMENT AND CARE TAKEN TO ENSURE A MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE TO FOREIGNERS.

WHILE ADMITTING THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE TROUBLE WILL NOT SPREAD, ESPECIALLY AS THE NEW NANKING GOVERNMENT ARE ADOPTING A REASONABLE ATTITUDE AND ARE APPARENTLY PREPARED TO ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-JAPANESE SOCIETIES.

Discussing the possible Japanese occupation of Shanghai the "News Chronicle," while expressing the opinion that the Japanese have an excuse in the apparent inability of the Chinese Government to preserve law and order, remarks that the tightening control of Japanese military officials over their own Civil Government may lead to alarming results to which it will be difficult to set limits.

Extreme measures of coercion can only make matters worse by undermining what little prestige the Chinese Government has.

It is learned authoritatively that the Government have adopted a policy towards Japan on the lines suggested, two months ago, by the Special Foreign Relations Commission formed by Chiang Kai Shek. China will continue to place confidence in the League to settle the Manchurian dispute, and in the meantime urge signatories to the Paris Pact to assist in bringing about a settlement of the Sino-Japanese situation. Radical measures, such as the severance of diplomatic relations, have been definitely rejected by Government.

### WASHINGTON TAKES GRAVE VIEW OF SHANGHAI SITUATION

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CERTAIN warships have been ordered to China, presumably to Shanghai, but details are withheld, though it is believed they consist of the cruiser and twelve destroyers which had been held in readiness at Sasebo since Friday.

Following a visit by Japanese Naval officers the *Min Kuo Jih* has closed down in compliance with the demands of the Japanese Admiral Shiosawa.

Following a meditation by Mr. Fessenden, the Director-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, the newspaper, yesterday, signified its willingness to comply with the original Japanese demands but was informed by Admiral Shiosawa that the time for compliance had expired and it must cease publication at once, otherwise Japanese Marines would close it down.

A grave view is taken by Washington special correspondents in this morning's Press concerning repercussions by the United States to the landing of Japanese Marines in Shanghai.

The *New York Times* says that an impression prevails that the United States is considering strong action separately, or jointly with Britain; while the *Herald Tribune* says: "There is every sign that strong protest would be raised" if the Japanese move within the Settlement.

An Administration spokesman has given an inferential warning that Japanese military action within the Settlement would be unwarranted and inexcusable.

### LEAGUE DISCUSS MANCHURIA: NO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED

GENEVA, Jan. 26.

The Council is not considering the Manchuria situation this morning.

The Council meeting having disposed of the business in hand adjourned till to-morrow at 10.30 a.m. After a two hours' private meeting discussing Japanese action in China, the Council broke up at 1.35 p.m. No communiqué being issued.

GENEVA, Jan. 26.

The Council has decided that counsels of moderation should be addressed to the Chinese and Japanese delegates who, therefore, have been invited to meet M. Paul Boncour at 6 p.m., when it is hoped the result will be that the whole question will be left in abeyance until the Commission of Enquiry reports.

### CHEN MING SHU: FOREIGN MINISTER

NANKING, Jan. 26.

General Chen Ming Shu has been appointed Foreign Minister in succession to Mr. Eugene Chen.

### MONDAY'S LEAGUE MEETING

GENEVA, Jan. 25.

Although in League circles it is felt that the serious recent events in Shanghai will greatly aggravate an already complicated situation, until the matter is actually brought to the official knowledge of the League, no startling developments are possible.

In reply to a question on the subject, a member of the Council said the attitude of the League would naturally be influenced by the line the Chinese delegation chose to take, but seeing that the Commission of Enquiry was about to set out to investigate in the spot, it was not very probable that the Council would materially alter its standpoint.

The resumed meeting of the League opened at 6.41 p.m. and the Librarian Slavery Report was postponed in order to permit the Council to deal exclusively with the Manchuria question.

### CHINA'S CASE

A very grave atmosphere pervaded the sitting when Mr. W. W. Yen, the principal Chinese delegate, rose. He urged the gravity of the situation upon the Council, describing

the happenings in Manchuria as an event, which to the ordinary observer may have appeared as a local incident, occurring in a region far from the great European and American centres, which had grown within four months to a problem fraught with grave danger to the peace of the world.

Everyone knows, said Mr. Yen, continuing, that what happened in Manchuria on September 18, 1931, was but the initial step in a deliberately planned and ruthlessly executed programme of unjustified aggression by one nation against the territorial integrity of another.

About 200,000 square miles of Chinese territory, embracing a Chinese population of about 20,000,000 had been seized by Japan by military force.

The facts, he said, are undisputed. From the outset China had no choice between preparing her own defence and placing her faith in treaties and the League. China, not being a military power, had appealed to the League for succour.

### PROMISES BROKEN

Mr. Yen added that the Council had patiently and earnestly devoted six weeks and twenty meetings to a conscientious effort to adjust the dispute.

Two resolutions had been unanimously adopted; both based upon solemn Japanese promises to withdraw her troops as rapidly as possible. These promises had been broken.

Instead of a progressive withdrawal, declared Mr. Yen, there has been a progressive advance since the Council adjourned six weeks ago. The aggression had been relentlessly pursued until, in the words of the American Secretary of State, the last remaining administrative authority of the Chinese Government in Southern Manchuria had been destroyed.

Chinchow, with the territories to the south, including Shanhai-kwan, had now followed the fate of Mukden, Changchun, Antung, Kirin, Taitshih and other Chinese cities.

### THREAT TO OCCUPY SHANGHAI

Japan, he went on, was now invading the province Jehol and was endangering other centres in North, Central and even South China.

The latest threats are the occupation of Foochow and Shanghai. Every hope and expectation that the situation would not be aggravated has been defeated by the consistent development and forcible assertion of an aggressive Japanese policy, to force China to submit to Japanese annexation or practical annexation of Manchuria and to compel the Central and local Chinese

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### SETTLEMENT BEING BARRICADED

Sino-Japanese Clash Imminent

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MEMORIES ARE RECALLED OF THE TROUBLOUS DAYS OF 1927. THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN DEFENCE FORCES ARE NOW ERECTING BARBED WIRE BARRICADES ON THE SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES TO PREVENT THE INFILTRATION OF DEFEATED CHINESE SOLDIERY IN THE EVENT OF COLLISION WITH THE JAPANESE WHICH IS CONSIDERED IMMINENT.

THE AMERICAN CRUISER HOUSTON IS SPEEDING TO SHANGHAI FROM MANILA IN ADDITION TO THE DESTROYER BORDE.

MEANWHILE, THE WARSHIP MCCORMICK IS PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY TO NANKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF STANDING BY TO EVACUATE AMERICAN AND OTHER NATIONALS IN THE EVENT OF TROUBLE.

### SECRETARYSHIP OF LEAGUE

SIR ERIC DRUMMOND TO RECONSIDER RESIGNATION

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 26. The members of the League Council to-day held a private meeting to consider the notification of a desire to resign in twelve months' time, received from the Secretary-General, Sir Eric Drummond.

The resignation was not accepted, and all members urged Sir Eric Drummond to reconsider his decision. He promised to give the matter further consideration.

### SEQUEL TO MOSCOW TRAIN SMASH

DRIVER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, Jan. 26. The trial of Railway Officials responsible for the accident at Kossino on January 17 has revealed astounding infringements of the working code, such as the passing of signals, and failure to see a clear line. The Station Master and driver were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and five others to terms ranging from seven years to one in prison.

### EMPIRE BROADCASTING

5-ZONE DIRECTIONAL SYSTEM

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 25. How Empire broadcasting would be possible by short-waves in the light of the experience gained from several years of experiments at the Chelmsford Station, was explained by the Chief Engineer of the British Broadcasting Corporation, addressing the Royal Empire Society to-day.

In order to make use of directional efforts, he said, the Empire will be divided into five zones.

The technical equipment will be designed to give the best possible reception facilities in each zone.

The Empire broadcasting station will probably radiate its first programme before the end of the year.

### AUSTRALIA IN DAVIS CUP

TEST MATCH WITH JAPAN

(Reuter's Special Service.)

MELBOURNE, Jan. 25.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association has decided to challenge for the Davis Cup this year. Australia will play in the Amateur Zone and the final decision as to whether a team of three will be sent will be made after the Third "Test" with Japan which begins on February 20.

### EXTRALITY IN CHINA

BRITISH NOTE TO JAPAN

Tokyo Official's Guarded Statement

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 26.

A message from Tokyo states that the British Government have sent the Japanese Government a Note, presumably on the subject of extrality in China.

A Foreign Office spokesman guardedly admits there has been an interchange of correspondence with Britain on the subject of extrality.

When asked regarding Japan's attitude to this question the spokesman intimated it might be inferred by the fact that mention of the abolition of extrality was conspicuous by its absence from Mr. Yoshioka's speech to the Diet on Jan. 21.

### DARTMOOR MUTINY

IMMEDIATE INQUIRY TO BE HELD

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 25. The Home Secretary has appointed Mr. Herbert Du Parcq, K.C., Recorder of Bristol, to hold an immediate inquiry into the whole of the circumstances connected with the disorder at Dartmoor Prison. He will be assisted by Mr. Alexander Paterson, one of the prison's Commissioners.

All is quiet at Dartmoor to-day. Except for minor effects of rough handling no prison officials or police were hurt and only one convict seriously injured. He is suffering from concussion caused by falling from a roof.

### Sensational Rumours

London, Jan. 26.

Sensational rumours that friends of the convicts were planning an attack on Dartmoor Prison from the outside are said to have been responsible for the dramatic despatch to Dartmoor last night of a hundred soldiers of the Worcestershire Regiment, officially described as "a precautionary measure."

The prison now resembles a beleaguered fortress. All strategic approaches are guarded by soldiers with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets.

A machine-gun squad is posted on the main road with orders that no-one is to be allowed to pass until their papers have been examined.

Although all is quiet inside the prison it is believed that friends of the convicts are endeavouring to organise a mass escape and with this idea have approached the prison in cars. It is also suspected that freed convicts have carried messages to the outside world.

### EFFORT TO STABILIZE SHARE PRICES

EUROPEAN SCHEME APPROVED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25.

An important step to stabilise share prices and to promote the mobility of capital, was taken at a meeting of representatives of the Stock Exchanges of Germany, France, Holland, Spain and Switzerland to-day.

They decided to link up the national stock exchanges for the formation of an International Bureau for public security, under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce.

### BRITAIN PAYING HER DEBTS

WITHOUT TOUCHING GOLD RESERVE

"A Notable Sign of Strength"

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 25.

It is officially announced that the Bank of England will repay on the date of maturity, February 1, the credits of £15,000,000 each provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Bank of France.

By the repayment of these sums, the whole of the £50,000,000 granted to Britain in August in defence of sterling will have been redeemed.

The operation, "be it noted," will be carried out without a reduction in the gold reserve of the Bank of England.

### Welcomed by the Press

London, Jan. 26.

The announcement that the Bank of England is repaying French and American credits, is everywhere hailed as striking proof of Britain's financial soundness.

The *News Chronicle* says it should encourage confidence in the pound abroad.

The *Morning Post*: It is a welcome announcement.

The *Financial News*: A sterling feat.

The *Daily Mail*: It should have a favourable effect.

The *Daily Telegraph*: It will confirm the growing appreciation of Britain's financial strength.

The *Daily Herald*: It should immediately improve foreign confidence in Britain's financial position.

The *Times*: It is the best news the money market has had in many months and is a notable sign of strength, the psychological effects of which are difficult to over-estimate.

### Rise in Sterling

Rugby, Jan. 26.

There was an appreciable improvement in sterling this morning following the announcement that the Bank of England will complete, next week, the repayment of outstanding credits to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Bank of France.

The New York cable rate rose from the overnight figure of 4.40 gold dollars to 5.42 and the French francs were cheaper from 87½ to 88.1-16.

The *Times* City Editor describes the statement as extremely gratifying, adding: "That credits are not being kept open is a demonstration of the strength of the British position, for had the bank felt that it was desirable, as a matter of precaution, to keep facilities open in case of need there would have been no difficulty in arranging for renewal."

### TARIFF WALL IN BRITAIN

INITIAL 10 PER CENT. FLAT RATE

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Jan. 25.

Having steered through the fog of Cabinet disagreement by extremely controversial methods, the Government is getting busy with the drafting of the first measure of its new fiscal programme.

According to the evening newspapers, it is proposed at the outset to impose a flat rate of ten per cent. on all imports of manufactured goods.

It is also proposed to establish a small Tariff Commission, which will be composed of experienced industrialists and business men.

The *Evening News* states that there is to be no special Preference for the Dominions in the initial ten per cent. tariff.

### Later, Perhaps

The policy of Imperial Preference will be added when a general tariff system is framed, after close consideration has been given to possible trading arrangements with other countries.

### GREEK FINANCE PROBLEM

M. VENIZELIS IN LONDON

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 25.

It is understood that the Greek Prime Minister, M. Venizelos, who has arrived in London on a private visit, will use the occasion to discuss the financial situation in Greece. He recently visited Rome and Paris.

### ROYAL TOMBS OF KINGS OF JERICO

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY BY MARSTON EXPEDITION

Date of Exodus Definitely Fixed

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Jan. 25.

A remarkable discovery of the Royal Tombs of the Kings of Jericho has been made by Professor Garstang, director of the Marston Archaeological Expedition, according to a report received in London by Sir Charles Marston.

The tombs contain large quantities of pottery and Egyptian scarabs which definitely settle the date of the Exodus, and help to place beyond doubt the chronology of the Old Testament.

### AN ATHLETIC BRITISH ARMY

RIGID TRAINING FOR INFANTRYMEN

100yds. in 13 Secs.: Mile in Six and a Half Minutes

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

In pursuit of health efficiency the War Office promises to convert the British Army into a first-class sanatorium.

A morning gurgling parade has recently been instituted as a preventive for influenza, and to-day it is announced that plans have been framed laying down an essential athletic standard for all infantrymen. When the plan is enforced every soldier under thirty must run 100 yds. in thirteen seconds, the mile in six and a half minutes, jump four feet high and fourteen feet in length.

### WELSH COLLIERY EXPLOSION

TOTAL OF ELEVEN DEAD

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 26.

Four miners are known to have been killed as a result of a pit explosion at Llywnypia, in the Rhondda Valley.

Six other miners who were in the pit at the time of the explosion are still entombed and are believed to be dead.

A number of the men who were rescued are reported to be in a critical condition.

Seven more bodies have so far been recovered, making a total of eleven dead.

### SITUATION IN INDIA

NO RELAXATION OF EMERGENCY POWERS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 25.

A summary of the week's events in India shows a generally satisfactory tendency.

The main features have been the diminishing extent to which arrests under the Emergency Powers Ordinances have been necessary, especially in the North-West Frontier Province, where a steady improvement is recorded; more peaceful conditions in the towns of the United Provinces; and the very slight extent to which rural areas are at present affected.

On the other hand, Congress is apparently making efforts to recover from the effects of the initial blow dealt them by the authorities, and some extension of their activities has occurred in particular areas, while the effects of the silent boycott are more marked.

### BOMBAY MILLWORKERS RESUME WORK

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Ahmedabad, Jan. 25.

The Bombay mills which closed down as a protest against the non-teases issued on the Secretary of the Labour Association, have now resumed work.

The police have been withdrawn.



## JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

## KOWLOON AND RECREIO DRAW.

(By "L.B.W.")

As was generally expected, the big match of the past week, (Kowloon v. Recreation) ended in a draw, though on the day's play, the Portuguese certainly deserved better fate. As it was, they were only six runs behind with four wickets to fall when stumps were drawn. For the first time in many weeks, P. S. W. Smith failed with both bat and ball, but the old "war-horse," George Lee, played very good cricket to put together 40, not out. Skinner turned out again for Kowloon after having kept away from cricket for some time but failed to get going.

Kowloon took rather a long time to score their 139 runs for 7 wickets and I am told that it was not until twenty minutes to five that Recreation went in for their innings. There was no beating about the bush with their methods in going after the runs, for right from the start they went all out and it was a pity that they had to share the points.

## Indians Beat Craignower.

As I forecasted in my notes last week, the Indians beat Craignower at Happy Valley though I must confess I was rather surprised to see the I.R.C. putting up such a poor show against the mediocre Craignower attack. The fact, however, is that the Indians are playing at a disadvantage just now as it is their fasting month.

I do not think I have seen A. M. Rumlahn bowl better this season. Maybe it was due to the fact that the pitch, which came in for a lot of attention from the groundsmen, suited him, but he was keeping an excellent length right through and was extremely hard to play.

G. Winch bowled very well for Craignower. He is, in my opinion, the best bowler they have and I am of the opinion that he would get many more wickets if he bowled over the wicket.

I see that K. P. (Ivan) made another good score for the University against the Police, the match ending in a draw. The Varsity entertain, Recreation this week-end but I fear they will find the Portuguese too strong for them. Craignower play Kowloon but unless they improve on the form they displayed against the Indians, I can see Kowloon adding three more points to their total.

## League Table.

The positions of the teams now stand as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K.O.C.	8	4	2	0	14
Recreation	7	4	2	1	14
Indian R.C.	8	4	1	1	13
Craignower	8	3	0	3	6
Borderers	8	3	0	3	6
R.E. and S.	8	2	2	4	6
Police R.C.	7	2	2	3	7
H.K.C.C.	5	1	2	2	6
University	5	1	1	3	4
R.A.S.C.	5	1	1	3	4
O.S.C.C.	8	0	3	3	3

## INTERPORT TENNIS.

## CANTON'S EASY VICTORY.

The following were the full results of the interport matches between Canton and Hong Kong, which were played under Davis Cup rules at Canton over the week-end:

G. Bodiker (Canton) beat E. G. Fincher (Hong Kong) 5-3, 6-3, 6-3. Leung Tak Kwong (Canton) beat E. G. Fincher (Hong Kong) 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Leung Tak Kwong (Canton) beat M. W. Lo (Hong Kong) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

G. Bodiker (Canton) beat M. W. Lo (Hong Kong) by three sets to one after losing the first set.

S. H. and H. D. Rumlahn (Hong Kong) beat Wong Po Keung and M. Ch. Huen (Canton) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

## MRS. KEARY'S WIN.

Mrs. Keary, who has been training followers of ladies' tennis in Hong Kong to so many delightful exhibitions, scored a very creditable win in the U.S.B.C. championship when she defeated Mrs. Tottenham by two sets to one, the scores being 6-3, 4-6 and 6-4. She now meets Miss Pullman in the semi-final and the general opinion is that she will qualify to meet Mrs. C. B. F. James in the final. The meeting of two such clever exponents of the game should prove a great drawing card as an excellent match is anticipated.

## FANLING GOLF.

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND GOVERNOR'S SHIELD

The following were the results of recent golf competitions at Fanling:

Junior Championship (first round):

S. T. Butlin beat Lt. Comdr. Weeks, 1 up.

D. S. Edward beat C. H. Burton, 1 up.

R. E. Tottenham beat A. Ritchie, 4 and 3.

C. E. Sandstrom beat A. O. Brown, at 20th.

A. D. Humphreys and Comdr. Priestley, 4 and 3.

C. B. Robertson beat T. C. Monaghan, 5 and 2.

E. Dos Vaux beat M. N. Cochran, 3 and 1.

R. M. Henderson v. G. E. R. Divert, scratched.

Governor's Shield (semi-final):

P. W. D. (A. E. Lissaman and J. G. Campbell) beat Davie Bong & Co. (N. M. Currie and W. A. Stewart), 5 and 4.

Royal Naval Yard (W. C. Shields and W. G. Trice) beat Dodwell & Co. (L. G. S. Dodwell and A. C. I. Bowker) 6 and 5.

G. M. Young Cup:—B. & S. play Dodwell & Co. in the final on Sunday, January 31.

## CRICKET.

## "OVER AND UNDER THIRTY" MATCH.

The following teams have been selected to play in the "Over Thirty and Under Thirty" match at 2 p.m. on the Club ground on Saturday:

Over Thirty:—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), E. R. Duckitt, R. K. Hopburn, H. Owen Hughes, Capt. G. E. Mirahouse, E. J. R. Mitchell, Capt. R. G. Moir, R. S. W. Paterson, T. E. Pearce, A. Reid and J. R. Way.

Under Thirty:—A. C. Beck (captain), J. Barrow, R. P. Edwards, F. A. M. Elliott, W. D. Folley, L. D. Kilbee, P. W. J. Planner, J. E. Richardson, W. Stoker, E. B. West, and R. M. Wood.

## CANZONERI BEATEN IN WELTER BOUT.

## LOSES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO JADICK, AN UNKNOWN.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—Johnny Jadick, a virtually unknown boxer, tonight won the world's junior welterweight championship when he gained a decision over Tony Canzoneri in ten rounds of hard and fast fighting. Canzoneri's lightweight championship was not involved, since both boxers fought at catchweights as far as the lightweight title was concerned.

Jadick has been fighting as a professional since 1925. In his entire ring career he has been knocked out only once. To-night he forced the fighting and easily outpointed Canzoneri, who appeared to be off form.

## SCHMELING AGREES TO BOX SHARKEY.

## CHAMPION EXPECTS PURSE OF G. \$500,000.

New York, Jan. 18.—Max Schmeling, of Germany, the world's heavyweight champion, has selected Jack Sharkey, of Boston, who claims the heavyweight championship of the United States, as his next opponent, according to an announcement made here today by Joe Jacobs, the manager of the title-holder. Jacobs, who refused last week to allow Schmeling to sign a contract to fight Mickey Walker in Miami, Florida, in February, because the gate receipts would permit of a purse of only G. \$100,000 for the German champion, believes that Schmeling can get at least G. \$500,000 for a fight with Sharkey.

## ETERNAL TRIANGLE Baffles Judge.

## JURY DISCHARGED IN PECULIAR CASE.

London, Jan. 20.—Judge McCordie, the bachelor authority on marital affairs, is in a quandary over the case he is now examining at the Cambridge assizes. It concerns a local grocer, John Place, his wife, and a doctor, Charles Searle, whom Place accused of alienating his wife's affections.

The husband sued the doctor and the wife says that it is all a mistake, as she merely left her husband when, in a battle over her in the kitchen, John Place was decidedly worsted. Whether the wife, the husband or the doctor is right, Judge McCordie was unable to say to-day. But when his last resort, the jury, failed to agree who was wrong, the judge disgustedly discharged them all. He intimated that his judgment on the question will be held for the time being, in reserve.

## U.S. ENVOY TO JAPAN TO RETIRE.

## MR. JOSEPH C. GREW MENTIONED AS SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Authoritative sources here to-day declared that Colonel W. Cameron Forbes, the United States Ambassador to Japan, is shortly to retire from active service and that the State Department already has decided upon his successor.

The United Press is informed that the name of Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the United States Ambassador to Turkey, has been submitted to the Tokyo Government as a possible successor to Colonel Forbes.

Even in the face of persistent questioning as to when Colonel Forbes is to retire or whether Mr. Grew will be appointed to the Tokyo post, the State Department maintained a noncommittal attitude to-day.

It is known that for some time Colonel Forbes has been anxious to be relieved so that he may return to his private interests in Boston after having given many years to the service of the American Government, especially in the Philippine Islands where once he was Governor-General.

Tokyo, Jan. 18.—The Japanese Government, it is learned, is to notify Washington that Mr. Grew will be acceptable as the American Ambassador.

It is understood that Colonel Forbes' resignation will be accepted and that Mr. Grew will proceed to Tokyo immediately after official confirmation of his appointment.

## SECOND KOUTEPOFF KIDNAPPING.

## PLOT FOILED BY RUMANIAN DETECTIVES.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The Journal is in receipt of a communication from Bucharest that a plot at Constantza has been aimed at M. Agabekoff, former chief of the "G.P.U." at Constantinople, who has become a relentless enemy of the Soviets. A woman, called "The lady in beige," arrested at Constantza, who was implicated in the case of Kouteppoff, a white Russian general whose disappearance two years ago caused such a great commotion, succeeded in gaining the confidence of M. Agabekoff whom she lured to Constantza where he fell into a trap. He was overpowered, bound, and then thrown into a car which drove at full speed towards the harbour. He was to have been carried to the steamer Philomene, already under steam, when the Rumanian police arrested the whole gang.

The Rumanian Legation states that it is in regular contact with Bucharest, but has not received any additional information. At the Surete (Intelligence Department) it was affirmed that the Parisian police has not received any inquiry relating to the Constantza case. The similarity of this affair to the affair of Kouteppoff is particularly attracting attention.

In prospective action on the Philippines question during the current session of Congress. Democratic leaders in the house are on record as favouring action if necessary domestic legislation can be got out of the way. All elements in Congress interested in the Philippines are awaiting the anticipated report of the Secretary of War, Colonel Patrick J. Hurley, which is soon to be presented to President Hoover as a basis for future administration policy.—United Press.

## BRITISH FIRM'S CARGO SEIZED.

## ALLEGED JAPANESE COAL TAKEN BY CHINESE.

## PICKET CHARGED IN SHANGHAI COURT.

Another case involving the illegal seizure of alleged Japanese cargo in connection with the anti-Japanese movement was heard in the Shanghai Special District Court last week. The man in the present case was, however, not a picket of the so-called Anti-Japanese and National Salvation Association. He was, according to himself, an inspector of the picketing group of the Shanghai Chinese Coal Merchants Guild which formed recently an anti-Japanese association of its own with its own pickets. The complainants are a local British firm and the cargo involved was a quantity of coal which the man, who was in Court yesterday, alleged was of Japanese origin.

As there are several others concerned in the case who are still at large, the police asked the Court for a remand and for the accused's detention, pending further investigation. This was granted by the Court which adjourned the case, the application by the defence counsel for his client's release on bail being rejected.

## Force Used.

Prosecuting, Mr. Y. D. Wong, the Assistant Municipal Advocate, told the Court that, at 2 p.m., January 11, a barge loaded with about ten tons of coal, the property of Messrs. McEldin & Co., was lying alongside the Markham Road jetty when eight or nine Chinese appeared and, by means of threats and force, drove away all those on board and moved the vessel with its cargo to Chapei. Inquiries were at once commenced by the police upon the receipt of a report of this and, as a result, it was found out that accused was concerned in the seizure. A warrant of the Court was obtained and the police arrested accused in a tea-shop at 337 Chekiang Road on Sunday afternoon.

## Accused Pleads Not Guilty.

Questioned by the Court, the accused stated he was a picket of the anti-Japanese association formed by the Shanghai Chinese Coal Merchants Association and that his duty it was to conduct inquiries among Chinese coal merchants in order to ascertain whether or not they had imported Japanese coal in defiance of a decision of various public bodies regarding the boycott movement. On the day in question he was told by his superiors to visit Markham Road jetty to make certain investigations, accompanied by the Anti-Japanese and National Association's pickets. Upon arrival there, they found a barge laden with Japanese coal so they moved it to Chapei for examination.

Accused further stated that, at the time of the seizure, they did not know that the cargo was the property of a British firm nor did they encounter any interference from any foreigners. Accused pleaded not guilty on the ground that he was acting under others' instructions in seizing the coal. In support of his statement, accused told the Court that he carried a badge issued by the Chinese Coal Merchants Guild. This badge, he said, had been seized by police at the time of his arrest.

## P.I. MAY SET AN EXAMPLE.

## CONGRESSMAN'S ARGUMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The founding of a Philippines Republic would set in motion in the Orient an irresistible force for rejuvenating Asia, bringing about a change of governmental systems from absolutism to self-governing and self-respecting commonwealths, Representative Ralph Lorier, Democrat of Missouri, declared to-day.

He said the Philippines long since have established a stable Government. With a peaceful attitude the people of the Philippines will have waited for word which will complete their emancipation in line with the promise made to them by America, Mr. Lorier said. When that word is given, the Philippines Republic will begin to ascend as a new light in oriental affairs, the Missouri congressman predicted. Mr. Lorier's remarks served to heighten the interest in Washington (Continued on previous column.)

## U.S. DELEGATION TO GENEVA.

## MEMBERS SAIL FROM NEW YORK FOR EUROPE.

New York, Jan. 20.—The American delegation to the first world disarmament conference, which is to convene in Geneva on February 2 under the auspices of the League of Nations, sailed from New York for Europe at three o'clock this afternoon.

Colonel Henry L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, who was appointed only yesterday as the head of the American delegation in place of General Charles G. Dawes, the retiring United States Ambassador to Great Britain, did not sail to-day. He will proceed to Geneva at a later date.

Pending the arrival of Col. Stimson, Mr. Hugh Gibson, the United States Ambassador to Belgium and America's foremost disarmament expert, will act as the head of the American delegation, which includes Dr. Mary E. Woolley, the President of Mount Holyoke College, Senator Claude E. Swanson, Democrat of Virginia, and Mr. Norman Davis.

## EARL BEATTY IN HUNTING SPILL.

## SUFFERS SLIGHT INJURY TO HIS JAW.

London, Jan. 17.—Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, celebrated his 61st birthday anniversary to-day, tenderly nursing an aching jaw as the result of a recent hunting spill. Earl Beatty is now in retirement. His active service ended in 1927 and since then he has devoted most of his time to hunting. He has established a record in holding the office of First Sea Lord for eight years. He has realized every ambition that a naval officer could entertain.

During the Boxer uprising, Earl Beatty was aboard H.M.S. Barracuda. When it fell to the Navy to make the first attempt to relieve and reach the Legations in Peking he was twice wounded while making two successful attacks on Chinese batteries.

## ANOTHER ACCIDENT TO CAPT. SASSOON.

## FALLS IN A STEEPLECHASE AND DISLOCATES SHOULDER.

Capt. R. E. Sassoon, the popular amateur rider, dislocated his right shoulder when his mount Irina fell at the second fence in the Chiswick Steeplechase at Kompton Park. It was thought at first that he had broken an arm and received other serious injuries, and there was general relief when it was found that he had escaped comparatively lightly. The shoulder was quickly replaced in the hospital on the course, and Capt. Sassoon was able to return to his home.

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Mr. Barrington Hooper.

The Thunder of wheels.

A Railway Symphony.

## FEUD SETTLED IN CHURCH.

## FOUR KILLED IN SHOOTING AFFRAY.

London, Ont., Jan. 18.—Two war-  
ring families selected a church in  
this city for their battle-ground.  
Revolvers were produced instead of  
hymn books and in the exchanges  
that followed four men were killed  
and three wounded. The sermon for  
the day was to have been on the  
subject of "Turn ye the other  
cheek."



## BOOKS and READERS

A WARNING TO  
PACIFISTS.

## HOW AN EMPIRE WAS DESTROYED.

How an Empire was Destroyed.  
"The White Gods." By Richard  
Friedenthal. Translated by C. H.  
Lumley. Heinemann, 10s. 6d.

Writing of the Russian persecu-  
tion of the Jews, Swinburne thus  
apostrophised the Almighty:

When Thou seest this, and sees  
these hounds of thine, run raven-  
ing as the Gadarean swine, say,  
say was not this Thy passion, to  
foreknow, in death's dark, hour  
the works of Christian men?

He might well have made the  
same inquiry regarding the Span-  
ish conquest of Mexico. For the  
behaviour of Cortez and of the  
envoys of Charles V. was so un-  
believably vile that it is hard to  
realise these were human beings  
who, in the sixteenth century,  
could so wantonly, so unjustly and  
so cruelly have destroyed an an-  
cient empire, whose inhabitants  
had welcomed them, had shown  
them every consideration and kin-  
dness, and had showered gifts upon  
them.

True, there was much in Mexico  
that was horrible: the worship  
of the gods, and the human sacrifices,  
as described by Mr. Friedenthal,  
are very loathsome. But the gods  
were their own Mexican gods; the  
torments were self-inflicted; the  
victims willing and the cult na-  
tional.

This is a terrible book, describ-  
ing as it does the gold-lustful, bar-  
baric, brutal Spaniards on the one  
hand, and the gentle, peaceful,  
artistic, but apathetic Mexicans on  
the other.

## An Empire Exterminated.

Pacifists have sometimes sugges-  
ed that an attacked person, or  
country, should unresistingly allow  
invasion: they would be trampled  
under foot, but their moral victory  
would be so great that all wars  
would cease. Montezuma and his  
subjects accepted the Spanish "ly-  
ing down," with the result that  
they were utterly and entirely ex-  
terminated, with unparalleled fer-  
ocity; and their empire and the  
very memory of their civilisation  
was annihilated. It is a sad warn-  
ing.

Mr. Friedenthal's picture of the  
decadent American empire is un-  
forgettable, as is his description of  
the invaders' journey across the  
mountains to Mexico City and his  
account of the Feast of the Chosen,  
full as it is of the terror which  
haunted Lawrence when he wrote  
"The Plumed Serpent." A mag-  
nificent piece of writing, "The White  
Gods" is no children's meat.

## THE GREAT CHASE.

BY CAPTAIN HEATH.

"The Grand National, 1848-1931"  
By David Hoadley Munro.  
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ing the history and development of  
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pondent what he wants to know,  
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tains how to steer in a monsoon,  
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ing even this exemplary life com-  
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put out,

Then asked in accents full of  
doubt:

"If two of minor suits I go,  
"One spade I beat!" I said  
"That's so!"

Then that old lady simply beam-  
ed;

Intelligence all over gleamed,  
"That makes it easy after all;  
"One diamond and one club  
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love-affair with a young German  
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And those who have enough  
imagination to carry them over Mr.  
Mousley's rather stilted style will  
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## HOW CABINET WORKS.

SIR J. SIMON MAKES A  
COMPARISON.

## VALUE OF DECISIONS ON RECORD.

How in recent years the Cabinet's  
method of conducting its business  
and dealing with the affairs of the  
nation have changed was described  
by Sir John Simon when deliver-  
ing the "Commemoration Oration"  
at King's College, London.

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of the Government who were  
Cabinet Ministers before the war.  
In each case there has been a break  
of fifteen or sixteen years between  
their periods of Cabinet respon-  
sibility.

"In 1913, when I became Cabinet  
Minister for the first time,"  
said Sir John Simon, "the  
methods by which a British Cab-  
inet conducted and got through  
its business were much less highly  
organised than they are to-day."

## The Old Method.

"There was no Cabinet Secre-  
tariat and there were no Cabinet  
minutes. No one was present at  
Cabinet meetings, except Cabinet  
Ministers themselves, save on the  
rare occasions when, in connection  
with some particular piece of busi-  
ness, the Prime Minister asked for  
the attendance of some other officer  
specially concerned—usually a law  
officer or one of the other Ministers  
outside the Cabinet.

"The main topic on account of  
which the Cabinet was assembled  
was, it is true, usually known in  
advance, as the result of previous  
arrangements or by intimation from  
the Prime Minister. But second-  
ary matters were raised by in-  
dividual members only, when there  
was time for them—usually as the  
result of asking the Prime Minister  
to allow them to be brought up  
when the Cabinet met.

"The only record of what was  
discussed as decided was contained  
in the report, which the Prime  
Minister made after each meeting  
to the King, and, of course, that  
report was communicated to no one  
else.

## The New Secretariat.

"Now all this has been altered.  
A most responsible civil servant,  
who is known as the Secretary to  
the Cabinet, attends every meeting  
and sits at the Prime Minister's  
side. If, for any reason, he could  
not be present, his place would be  
taken by his deputy.

"He makes a full note of every  
Cabinet decision, together with  
such record as is necessary of the  
considerations which led up to it.  
He draws up the records, which,  
after being circulated in draft, be-  
come the official minutes. Before  
every meeting a paper containing  
the agenda is prepared under the  
Prime Minister's instructions, and  
is circulated with whatever pre-  
paratory memoranda are necessary.  
So that every member of the  
Cabinet knows beforehand exactly  
what business the Cabinet when it  
meets will have before it, and in  
what order it will be taken.

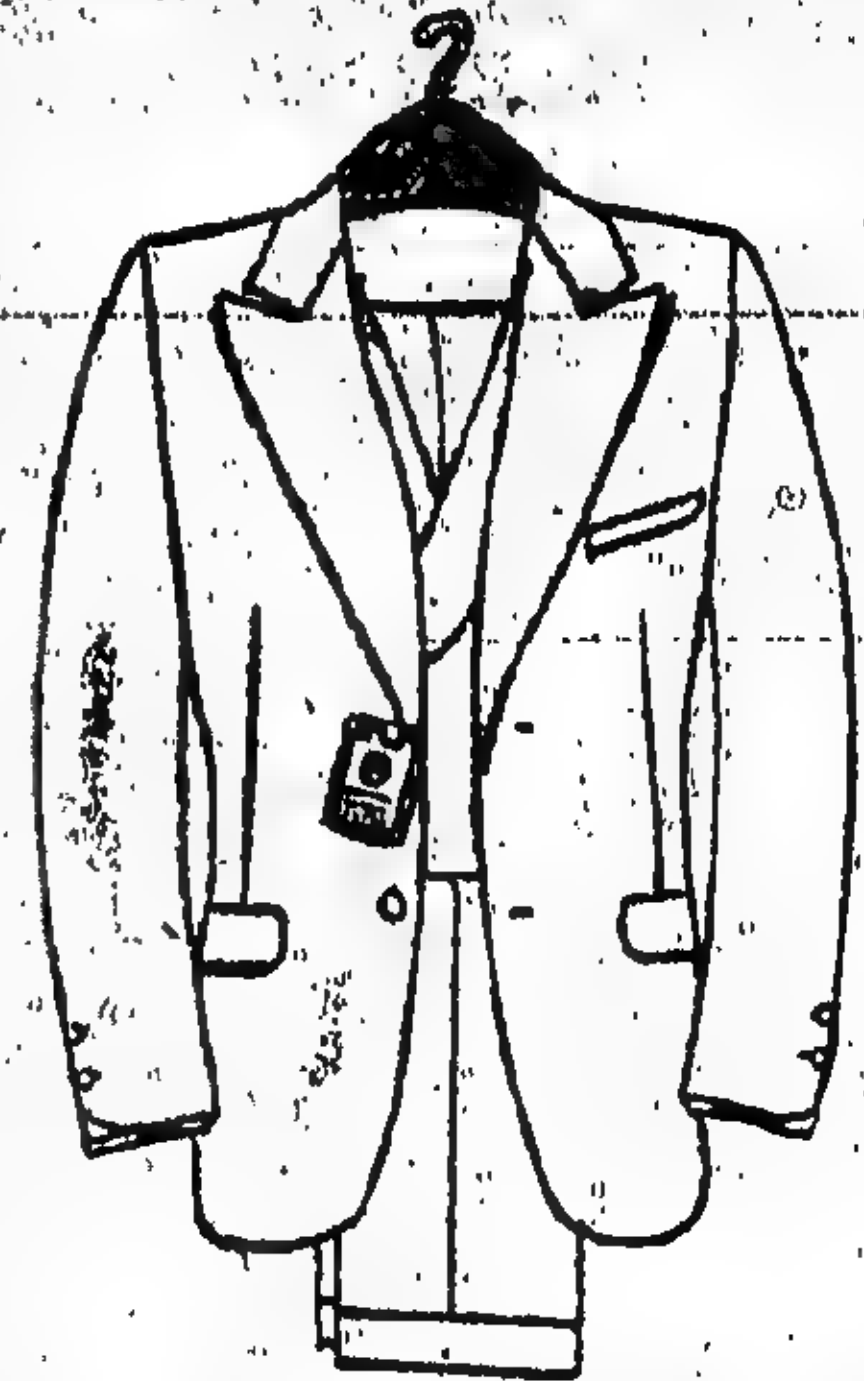
"A Minister who has an impor-  
tant matter arising within the  
sphere of his department to bring  
before the Cabinet, has, of course,  
always had the opportunity of pre-  
paring a Cabinet paper and cir-  
culating it in advance to his col-  
leagues. But under the new system  
these papers are all sent first to  
the Cabinet Secretariat, which dis-  
tributes them to every member of  
the Cabinet in advance with the  
agenda.

## Lord Oxford Objection.

"The result is that, whereas 20  
years ago members of the Cabinet  
usually met with little documen-  
tary material, and sometimes with  
only a vague idea of what topics  
would arise, nowadays papers for  
Cabinet consideration—each mark-  
ed with its reference number and  
duly indexed—are all issued under  
a continuous system of distribution  
through the Cabinet secretariat,  
and the printed or typewritten  
documents accompanying the  
agenda often amount to quite a  
bulky collection.

"This is a surprising change to  
have taken place within 20 years.  
It is not the result of any statute,  
or order in Council, or Parlia-  
mentary resolution. It is one of  
those adaptations which are charac-  
teristic of the free working of  
British institutions."

Sir John Simon said the most  
authoritative critic of the new order  
was the late Lord Oxford. "No  
one who had the privilege of serv-  
ing under that distinguished man—  
no one who has been in the posi-  
tion to measure the breadth and  
balance of his judgment—will ever  
be disposed to belittle the impor-  
tance of that opinion. But it has  
to be remembered that Mr. Aquith,  
who had thirty years' experience of



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the later stages of the war by Mr.  
Lloyd George. When, after the  
war was over, the continued  
existence of the Cabinet Secretariat  
came under Parliamentary discus-  
sion, Mr. Aquith expressed a pre-  
ference for the old method, though  
he was careful not to utter an un-  
reserved condemnation of the new.

A Necessary Change.  
"Other Ministers, such as Sir  
Austen Chamberlain and Lord  
Curzon, who had actual experience  
of both dispensations, defended the  
change, not only as a necessary  
reform under the pressure of war  
business, but as an improvement  
which should be retained in times  
of peace. I think that, after fur-  
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Fox Trot—"If You Don't Love Me."—22999.  
Fox Trot—"Just a Night for Meditation."—21547.  
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Waltz—"I'm Drifting Back to Dreamland."—21068.  
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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.  
11.30 a.m.—Chinese music.  
12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor records.  
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail notices, etc.  
2 p.m.—Close down.  
3 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.  
6 to 8.30 p.m.—Chinese children's programme.  
7 to 11 p.m.—European programme of Victor records.  
7 p.m.—Mail notices, etc.  
7.30 to 7.50 p.m.—

### Operatic.

Song—"Faust—The King of Thule" (Gounod).  
Song—"Faust—The Jewel Song" (Gounod).—Elisabeth Rethberg (Soprano)—7173.  
Orchestral—"Barber of Seville—Overture" (Rossini).—Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York—7255.  
Song—"Lucia—Tomb of my Sainted Fathers" (Donizetti).  
Song—"Traviata—'Will' my Dream of Youth" (Verdi).—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor)—9376.  
5 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—

### A Concert.

Piano Solo—"By the Brookside" (Schoenberg).  
Piano Solo—"The Prophet Bird" (Schumann).—Ignace Jan Paderewski—1425.  
Song—"Lullaby—Invisible" (Light Invisible) (Arditi).  
Song—"Der Erlkönig" (The Erlking) (Schubert).—Ernestine Schumann-Heink (Contralto)—7177.  
Violin Solo—"Nigun" (Improvisation) (Ernest Bloch).—Maurice Yehudi Menuhin—7108.  
Piano Solo—"Nocturne in E Minor" (Chopin).  
Piano Solo—"a) Mazurka in C Sharp Minor" (Chopin) (b) Mazurka in A Minor" (Chopin).—Ylmaris De Pachmann—9370.  
Song—"Notte Lunare" (Moonlit Night) (Peschianti-Doda).  
Song—"Se" (If) (Mancini-Donz).—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor)—7261.  
Violin Solo—"Valse Bluettes" (Drigo-Auer).  
Violin Solo—"Estrellita" (Ponce-Heifetz)—Jascha Heifetz—1332.  
9.35 to 9 p.m.—

### Orchestral.

"Les Preludes" (Liszt).—San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Alfred Hertz—9563/9564.  
"Autumn Thoughts"—Kirkloff's Bulalaika Orchestra—20732.  
"Sakuntala—Overture" (Gouldmark).—Victor Symphony Orchestra—22535/22536.  
9 to 11 p.m.—

### Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—"Lucky Seven."  
Fox Trot—"Sing Something Simple."—22538.  
Fox Trot—"Let me Hear a Hymn" (Continued on Previous Column.)

## CADETSHIPS FOR MALAYA AND HONG KONG

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT  
CHANGED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 25.  
The Colonial Office announce that it has been decided to discontinue the competitive examination hitherto held annually for Cadetships in Malaya and Hong Kong, and to assimilate the method of appointment to that already in force for the Colonial service generally.

The decision marks a stage towards a unified Colonial service envisaged by the Warren Fisher Committee's report of two years ago and final the abandonment, where it still exists, of a system of competitive examination in favour of a personal selection of candidates by men familiar with their special needs of service.  
No decision has been reached as to the future method of recruitment for the Ceylon Civil Service for which recruitment of European officers is at present suspended.

## BRITISH PROTEST TO U.S.A.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 26.  
The British Ambassador at Washington has made a protest to the United States Government against the terms of a Bill which Senator King of Utah is introducing into the Senate to-day. The Bill would empower officials to board foreign steamships in United States' ports and remove, or deport, seamen of races ineligible for the United States' citizenship.

The measure is directed primarily against Asiatics.  
Other European countries, it is understood, have also entered protests.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, January 25.  
Paris ..... 87½  
New York ..... 3.44  
Montreal ..... 3.50  
Brussels ..... 24.65  
Geneva ..... 17.05  
Amsterdam ..... 9.54  
Milan ..... 68½  
Berlin ..... 14 9/10  
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Oslo ..... 18½  
Prague ..... 116  
Vienna ..... 30 nom.  
Helsingfors ..... 23½  
Madrid ..... 41 5/16  
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## FAIRY TALE COMES TRUE.

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Stockholm, Jan. 21.—When a girl marries a prince, it is just another fairy tale come true, especially if he is a nice prince and has a castle that contains all the modern conveniences.

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## GRAVE OUTLOOK IN THE NORTH

(Continued from Page 9.)

nese Governments to suppress all manifestations of national feeling provoked by the Japanese attacks and intolerable violence against China.

Since December 1, said Mr. Yen, conditions had become daily worse. He proceeded to argue that the Council's resolution had been defied by Japan and observed that the Commission of Inquiry appointed by the League would not reach Manchuria until April at the earliest.

"My Government cannot but view with the keenest disappointment both the delay in starting and the declared intention not to proceed by the quickest route to the invaded and devastated territory."

### JAPAN'S REPLY

Mr. N. Sato, the Japanese Ambassador to Belgium, who has stepped into Mr. Yoshizawa's shoes at the League Council, in a long and reasoned reply to Mr. Yen, detailed the position in Manchuria and emphasized that the occupation of Chinchow was only provisional.

He declared that Japan would uphold the policy of the "open door" and had no territorial ambitions. The Japanese Government were determined to make Manchuria a place where Chinese and Japanese and other nationals could develop peace and security.

Mr. Yen briefly replied and argued that the Japanese were constantly changing their grounds for justification of their occupation. In the first place, it was the attack upon the railway. Then it became self-defence. Then it became the security of Japanese lives and property. And then bandits.

All these were quibbles. What Japan wants, he said, is to arrest the boycott.

Mr. Yen added that no government could force the people to buy what they did not want.

"It is remarkable that so few incidents have occurred. The Chinese are exasperated and angry beyond expression."

Mr. Yen concluded by appealing to the Council for adequate recognition of Chinese rights. China appreciated the desirability of work for a solution under Article Eleven but the necessity for proceeding to the exhaustion of all rights and remedies available under other Articles of the Covenant was becoming daily more pressing.

Mr. Sato expressed regret that the question of resorting to other Articles had been raised in this manner on the eve of the Disarmament Conference.

## "MANCHURIA STILL MANCHURIA"

He stressed the "absurdity" of Mr. Yen's suggestion that Japan effectively occupied two hundred thousand square miles of Manchuria with a mere 25,000 men.

He added that Manchuria was still Manchuria. The Chinese population was still there and likewise the towns. It was only the Chinese administration that had suffered a setback. He explained the position of Chinchow and the reasons for the Japanese advance.

He further expressed regret that the first proposal of Mr. Wellington Koo, namely, to withdraw all Chinese troops within the Great Wall had fallen through.

The Japanese troops withdrew from the Chinchow Zone but when they were constantly and persistently attacked by irregulars, regulars, police, volunteers and bandits no other course, but occupation was open to the Japanese Commander-in-Chief.

The occupation of Chinchow was the logical and inevitable outcome of the aggressive provocation, of Chang Hsueh-liang particularly.

## JAPANESE TROOPS WELCOMED

The Japanese troops, he mentioned, were welcomed by the population of Chinchow and although the police were momentarily alarmed, their arms had, now been restored and they were again responsible for maintaining public order in the city. Japanese troops were posted only at the gates of the town and at the railway station.

Mr. Sato described the growth of the bandit scourge in Manchuria and said that the Japanese, having begun to wipe it out, were unable to stop half-way.

The situation at Shanghai, he admitted to be critical, very critical but said that the systematic incitement of the masses, persistently pursued by the Chinese authorities was the source of origin of the trouble.

What had incensed the Japanese to a dangerous degree was the caption of a Shanghai vernacular newspaper, dealing with the bomb outrage designed against the life of the Emperor of Japan. "Unfortunately Another Carriage Hit." In consequence, the xenophobia advocated by the Chinese authorities

would be incalculably disastrous.

The Japanese, he said, had shown tremendous patience, but this had merely encouraged further Chinese aggression.

## MANCHURIA NOT WANTED

Japan was determined to protect her nationals from molestation. Mr. Sato went on.

All the Powers at one time or another had dispatched warships and troops to China to protect their nationals.

Japan was accused of wanting to occupy Manchuria and close the Open Door, but there was no truth in these suggestions. The Japanese wanted to maintain the principle of the Open Door and to make Manchuria a place where progress and develop-

ment was possible in peace and security for the Chinese, Japanese and all other nationals.

Japan had proposed a frank exchange of views with China to arrive at a settlement of all outstanding questions. China had rejected these overtures and had stirred up a popular agitation that was unequalled for violence.

## "OPEN DOOR" FOR JAPANESE ONLY

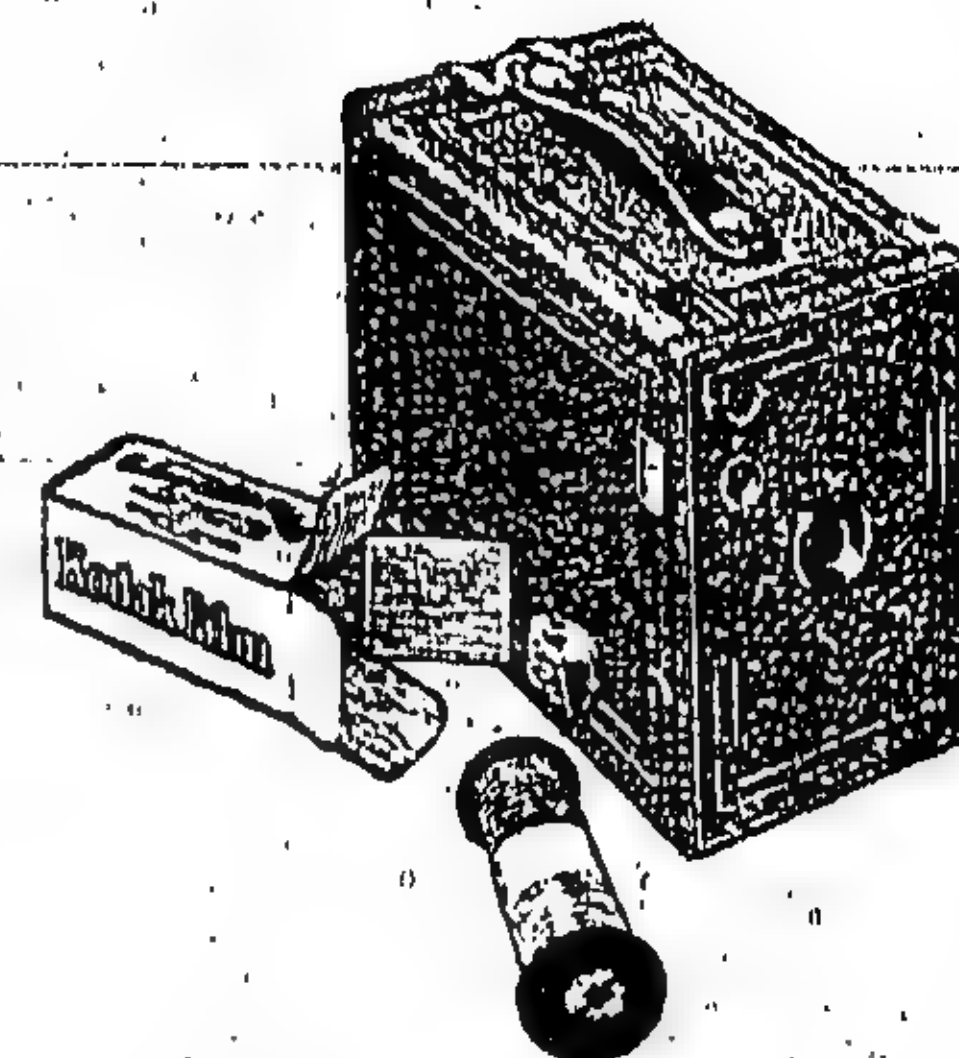
Mr. Yen replied that he had no doubt that Japan favoured the Open Door, but the Door would be so crowded with Japanese getting in that "nobody else" would be able to pass.  
The meeting closed at 8 p.m., adjourning until 10.30 a.m. tomorrow.

At the conclusion of the session, M. Paul Boncour, who is presiding, said that the Council of the League is appealing to the Chinese and Japanese Government to do their utmost to prevent a fresh conflict breaking out in Shanghai where the situation is very grave and complicated by the international character of the Settlement.

Referring to the occupation of Chinchow by the Japanese, M. Paul Boncour said that the Manchurian Commission, headed by Lord Lytton, would have the widest latitude in deciding upon what questions it would report on to the Council.

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## YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 18,238 TONS  
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The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Cargo for	Through
Suiyang,	H.K.	Porta.
Canton	—	930
Petrolia,	—	—
Balijapan	7,703	—
Norwegian	—	7,703
Kronviken,	—	950
Port Kuma	3,300	—
Hirundo,	—	—
Bangkok	1,331	—
Swedish	—	4,631
Peiping,	—	—
Otaru	—	1,070
Dutch	—	1,070
Groote Kirk,	—	—
Dairu	—	5,922
R. Pandjag,	—	—
Moji	700	457
Italian	—	700
Pilsa,	—	4,310
Shanghai	9	500
Japanese	—	9
Ryukai Maru,	—	500
Fredanthe	5,185	3,112
	5,185	3,112
Total	18,238	10,542

## ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Suiyang (Br.) Canton	73
Hirundo (Nor.) Bangkok	150
Pilsa (Italian) Shanghai	15
Total	178

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	4
Norwegian	2	3
Swedish	1	2
Dutch	2	1
Italian	1	0
Japanese	2	1
French	0	1
Chinese	0	3
Danish	0	2
Total	12	17

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin.—Tamar.  
North Wall.—Serapia, Seraph, Sirdar, Sterling.  
South Wall.—Bruce, Moth.  
East Wall.—Whitehall, Herald.  
North Arm.—Borwick, Keppel.  
West Wall.—Lumberland.  
Dock.—Crownflower, Pandora, Proteus.  
Buoy No. 1.—Hermes.  
Buoy No. 2.—Medway and Submarines.  
Buoy No. 10.—Marazion.  
Buoy No. 11.—Wild Swan, Verity.  
Buoy No. 12.—Wishart.  
Foreign.—French cruiser Waldeck.  
Roussau and river gunboat Argus.  
U.S. river gunboat Helena, and Japanese gunboat Saga.

## SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves.  
Kowloon.—Thalatta, Sumatra Maru, Tatanta Maru.  
Sopony.—Laichikok.—Taybank, Courageous.  
O.S.K.—Hozan Maru.  
Douglas Lapnik.—Haiyang.  
Snikong.—Tai Poo Sek.

## Docks.

Kowloon.—Proteus, Hopsang, Limchow, Yuen Jeng, Hongkong, Foo Lee, Suiyang.  
Taikoo.—Kueichow, Paul Beau, Kanchow, Liangchow.  
Cosmopolitan.—Haining.

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No. A3.—Tijisak.  
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No. A5.—Tijisak.  
No. A6.—Tijisak.  
No. A7.—Tijisak.  
No. A8.—C.H. Miviere.  
No. A9.—Rantau Pandjang.  
No. A10.—Asama Maru.  
No. A11.—Ryutai Maru.  
No. A12.—Daviken.  
No. B1.—Suiyang.  
No. B2.—Shun Chih.  
No. B3.—Chungkong.  
No. B4.—Yuan Lee.  
No. B5.—Wong Shek Kung.  
No. B6.—Anshun.  
No. B7.—Chungkong.  
No. B8.—Hirundo.  
No. B9.—Newchwang.  
No. B10.—Tean.  
No. B11.—Kaying.  
No. B12.—Dagra.  
No. B13.—Cape St. Francis.  
No. B14.—Dara.  
No. B15.—Halvard.  
No. C1.—Hermod.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. Japanese Prince from New York sailed from Shanghai on January 26 and is expected to arrive here on January 28.

## ARRIVALS.

January 25.

Couragious, American str., 1,826 tons, Capt. T. F. Evans, from Takao, Laichikok Anchorage.—States & Co.  
Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,517 tons, Capt. T. Kvamme, from Hongay, Yauantai Anchorage.—Yang Hong Loong.  
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Hoilow, buoy No. B10.—B. & S.  
Kiungchow, British str., 1,340 tons, Capt. R. Allinson, from Swatow, buoy No. C8.—B. & S.  
Kinyuan, British str., 1,340 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Hoilow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.  
Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—N.Y.K.  
Newchwang, British str., 1,450 tons, Capt. J. Atkins, from Canton, buoy No. B10.—B. & S.  
Peiping, Swedish str., 3,625 tons, Capt. Borgard, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Gimhan & Co.  
Phasianella, British str., 393 tons, Capt. H. C. Farrington, from Takao, North Point Wharf.—A.P.C.  
Ryokai Maru, Japanese str., 2,000 tons, Capt. Akizawa, from Fukuoka, buoy No. A12.—Y.K.K.  
Shuja, British str., 3,122 tons, Capt. W. Clifton, from Calcutta, buoy No. B27.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
Soudan, British str., 3,305 tons, Capt. Symons, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M. & Co.  
Suiyang, British str., 1,394 tons, Capt. Byrne, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.  
Wing Lee, British str., 651 tons, Capt. J. E. Harway, from K. C. Wharf, Saitong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

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Haiyang, for Swatow.  
Kiungchow, for Canton.  
Kronviken, for Canton.  
Newchwang, for Saigon.  
Pres. McKinley, for Manila.  
Rantau Pandjang, for Menado.  
Sanjin Maru, for Takao.  
Shunkong, for K. C. Wan.  
Suiyang, for Swatow.  
Sumatra Maru, for Shanghai.  
Sungshan Maru, for Shanghai.  
Tijisak, for Muntok.

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"SALFORD"	8,000	19th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	20th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	21st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	22nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	23rd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	24th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	25th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	26th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	28th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	29th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SALFORD"	8,000	30th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SALFORD"	8,000	27th Jan., 10 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SALFORD"	8,000	28th Jan.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	29th Jan.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	30th Jan.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	31st Jan.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	1st Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	2nd Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	3rd Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	4th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	5th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	6th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	7th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	8th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	9th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	10th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	11th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	12th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	13th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	14th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	15th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	16th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	17th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	18th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	19th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	20th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	21st Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	22nd Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	23rd Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	24th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	25th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	26th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	27th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	28th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	29th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	30th Feb.	do.
"SALFORD"	8,000	31st Feb.	do.

B.I.—Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers.

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"NELLOR"	7,000	30th Jan., 11 a.m.	Manila, Balabac, Brisbane, Sydney and New Zealand.
"TANDA"	7,000	31st Jan.	do.
"NANKIN"	7,000	1st Feb.	do.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan and Hong Kong to Australia.

Frequent connections from Australia via the following:—

The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. &amp; O. Royal Mail Steamers to London and

The P. &amp; O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via Suez.

The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SOUDAN"	8,800	28th Jan., Noon	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NALDERA"	10,000	29th Jan., 10 a.m.	do.
"SIRDHANA"	8,000	29th Jan.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKADA"	7,000	30th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKADA"	7,000	31st Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	1st Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKADA"	7,000	2nd Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	3rd Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	4th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	5th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	6th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	7th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	8th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	9th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	10th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	11th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	12th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	13th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	14th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	15th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	16th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,800	17th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe



